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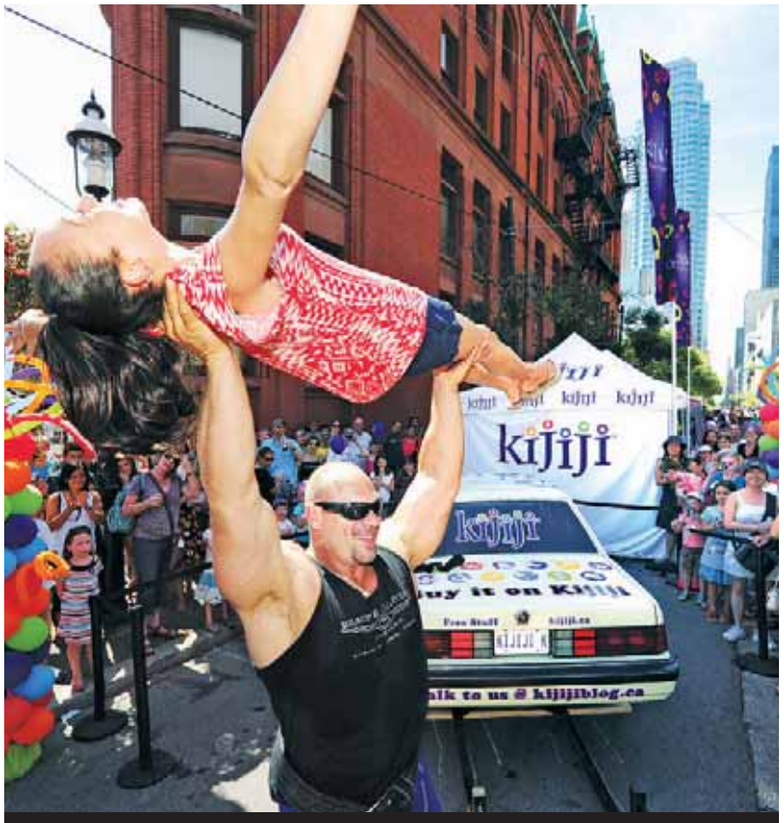

MACHO MAN

Hugo Girard, who bills himself as Canada's strongest man, lifts Patricia San Vicente of Toronto to the delight of the crowd at the annual Buskerfest on Sunday. Girard has won the Strongman Super Series overall title, captured North America's Strongest Man title and won the World Muscle Power Championships. More on Buskerfest, page 3. CONTRIBUTED

GTA loses 4 young adults in plane crash

Cause unknown.
Craft's 20-year-old pilot described as a man ready for a promising career in aviation

Marko Misic died doing what he loved. The 20-year-old Etobicoke pilot was at the helm of a small, single-engine aircraft when it crashed to the ground Friday night near Mooreville, Ont., north of Kitchener

The crash killed Misic along with his three passengers: Mohammed Shahnawaz Zia, 23, and Wasay Rizwan, 27, both from Toronto, and Victoria Margaret Luk, 19, of Mississauga.

His older brother, Tony, said Misic had two passions: flying and soccer.

"He was my best friend. He was disciplined, determined, a hell of a pilot and a really, really proud Croat," he said.

All four victims were employees in the maintenance engineering department at Bombardier Aerospace Commercial Aircraft in Downsview. Luk and Misic had just completed a summer student internship on Friday, while Zia and Rizwan were full-time employees.

The group was scheduled to fly from Waterloo to Toronto and Niagara Falls, then back to Waterloo. It's still unclear why the plane plummeted in the cornfield where it was discovered by Ontario Provincial Police at 8:30 p.m. on Friday. The Transportation Safety Board of Canada is currently investigating the crash.

Tony Misic said he couldn't imagine what went wrong in the flight, given his brother's extensive experience and talent for flying. Misic found success in flying at a young age. As a boy, he joined the Mimico branch of the Royal Canadian Air Cadets and earned his first pilot's licence at just 16.

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Expo doesn't fly with fans

Some superfans missed their chance to meet Stan Lee and Gillian Anderson at Fan Expo because of long queues, and now they're super angry PAGE 4

T.O. engineers got chops

A local team's three-decade-long dream — flying a human-powered helicopter — may soon become reality PAGE 6

Yep, they used to date

Remember Bennifer? This is how Avril and Chad remind us of other star couplings, most of whom have (predictably) broke up PAGE 16

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Itinerary shows light schedule for Ford

Mayor Rob Ford.
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Mayor Rob Ford kept a light schedule between March and July, his internal itinerary suggests.

Ford's itinerary is an imperfect guide to his activities. He attends some events he does not include in his itinerary, and he does not attend some he does include.

Judging strictly by the itinerary, however, he was rarely busy in the 135 days between March 11 and July 23. Including meetings with his own staff, he averaged about two appointments per day, about three appointments per weekday.

Of about 235 appointments with people other than his staff, more than a third, 84, were meetings with individual constituents. Ford cherishes his work helping residents deal with small-scale problems — which are sometimes as minor as a dispute over a pile of sand — and the time he spends simply listening to their opinions and concerns.

Ford's work habits became subject of political debate after a Torstar News Service story in May revealed his itinerary had shrunk significantly since his first year in office. Coun. Adam Vaughan (Ward 20, Trinity-Spadina), a Ford critic, has called him a "part-time mayor"; his aides and allies have called him relentlessly hard-working.

Ford's spokesperson did not respond to a request for comment Friday. In May, Ford said on his radio show that his itinerary shows only "a tidbit of what's really going on."

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Public appearances

- Unlike predecessors David Miller and Mel Lastman, Ford does not release even a basic schedule of public appearances. Members of the public and media must file freedom of information requests to learn how he has spent his time.

Buskers tie themselves in knots just to get a smile

Scotiabank BuskerFest. Performers insist they thrive on the uncertainty that comes with doing street theatre for a living

Most buskers would say the best part of their job is making someone's day better. And that was pretty evident from the laughter, smiles, clapping and cheers found everywhere at Scotiabank BuskerFest this weekend. Torstar News Service met up with some of the joymakers at the fest, which supports Epilepsy Toronto.

Al Millar, 34, of Sydney, Australia
Act: ALAKAZAM — The Human Knot
Description: "Comedy daredevil contortionist with an Australian accent."
Hardest part about busking: "The weather. If it's too hot or it's rainy, you can't do anything. It has to be perfect."
Best part: "I'm free to go wherever I want to go; I don't have a boss. I've been to 35 countries. I get to make money doing what I love, and basically, you get paid exactly how much you're worth in street performing."
Most memorable moment: "After a show in Sydney when I was 23, Bruce Springsteen came up to me and put a few hundred bucks in my hat … he said I was the greatest street performer he's ever seen."

Brant Matthews, 39, of Toronto
Act: FireGuy's "Fire Power" Show
Description: It's a fire show with skateboarding, stunts and good values.
Hardest: "Crazy stuff happens to you all the time as a busker. So you deal with rejection, you deal with the streets, you deal with all the facets of life. It's not a theatre, nobody pays to be there. They are judging you every second. You've got to deliver. If you don't deliver, you don't make money."
Best: "Freedom; freedom of expression. Also the joy you get bringing a bit of theatre to the streets ... Toronto's hard, it's a tough city sometimes, and to be able to bring a bit of levity to a pretty serious city is a gift."
Memorable: "Burning my face in New Zealand was most memorable. But you know what, the most memorable moment for any busker is the last show they did. Because whether it's good or it's bad, it's all that's on your mind."

Casey Martin, 26, and Rob Williams, 46
Act: The Kamikaze Fireflies
Origin: Los Angeles. The duo met four years ago in separate acts at a busker festival in Florida. They started dating three years ago (long-distance), and started their duo act two years ago.
Description: "A two-person comedy variety show featuring juggling, whip cracking, acrobatics, giant metal cube spinning and lots of comedy interaction with audience."
Hardest part: "Dealing with the elements, and sometimes dealing with a lot of random craziness" — like an old man who stormed right through their performance on Saturday.
Best part: "Making people laugh. You can tell they really enjoy it. And it's also a little bit of chaos ... there's always something that happens that makes you think, adapt, change and struggle a little bit."

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Metro's deputy managing editor Fernando Carneiro, centre, presents the Metro People's Choice Award at ScotiaBank BuskerFest on Sunday to the Dream Stake Circus' husband and wife team, Jacob and Sophie McGrath, seen here with daughter Tehya. TRACY AVERY/METRO

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Tears and jeers at Fan Expo

Pop-culture festival. Thousands waited for hours before being told tickets were sold out

Sometimes even superheroes must wait in line.

Craig Williams discovered that on Saturday when he took his son Ryder, dressed as the man of steel, to Fan Expo.

"I had a four-year-old Superman with me, crying about not getting in," he said. "The line didn't move at all."

Like thousands of other fans, the father and son waited fruitlessly in a line-up at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre for tickets to the annual pop-culture convention.

The convention has been rapidly gaining in popularity. This year's lineup of comic book creator Stan Lee, actor Christopher Lloyd and former X-Files star Gillian Anderson attracted an estimated 80,000 fans.

Jilted fans took to social media, complaining on Twitter and Facebook of long lines, overcrowding and disorganization.

Aman Gupta, president and CEO of Hobby Star Marketing, which operates Fan Expo, said there are bound to be hiccups at any large-scale event. He denied complaints that the convention had been oversold, saying that an escalator broke, restricting capacity on that floor.

Still, it's not the first time Fan Expo has faced organizational glitches. In 2010, hordes of fans chanted for refunds when ticket-holders were locked out because ticket sales exceeded event capacity.

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Jilted fan

"It's a little frustrating. We've spent a lot of money to buy a special pass, and then we never get offered a refund or anything."

Convention-goer Meg Farley, who said security told her not to enter Fan Expo, despite her $100 deluxe pass, which is meant to guarantee unlimited access

A group headed to Fan Expo crosses Lake Shore Boulevard West on Sunday. Some disappointed fans accuse the pop-culture festival of overselling tickets and not offering refunds. TARA WALTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Serial bad tenant

Deadbeat fails to pay rent — again

A Toronto tenant who has habitually failed to pay her rent and been slapped with at least six eviction notices in seven years has once again failed to pay her landlord.

Nina Willis violated a court order that said she must pay on time each month or be forced out of her rented Don Mills house.

Willis's landlord, Darius Vakili, has begun eviction proceedings, but Willis can stave it off with a rent payment, a protection rule for tenants. Such protections are designed to prevent unfair evictions, but some tenants have learned to manipulate them.

Vakili said Willis has changed the locks, nailed a board across the inside of the front door and racked up high energy bills. He wants to sell the house but said in July Willis threatened a man trying to put a for-sale sign on the lawn.

An Ontario judge has called on the province to respond to the "growing number" of "unscrupulous tenants (who) manipulate the law."

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Dream flight. T.O. team keeps human-powered helicopter under wraps

Later this week, in the Vaughan Soccer Centre, a secretive team of Toronto engineers tests a dream more than three decades in the making.

The goal: Flying a human-powered helicopter for at least 60 seconds, reaching a height of three metres at least once during the flight. The reward, offered by the American Helicopter Society: The hotly pursued $250,000 Igor I. Sikorsky Prize, named for the pioneering Russian-American aviator.

If the helicopter's specifications are pinpoint accurate, optimizations perfect and the team's pride of purpose operates at full throttle — indeed if all goes according to plan and they soar to three metres — they might just accomplish a feat to which no one has come close in the Sikorsky Prize's 32-year history.

But Toronto-based AeroVelo, the engineering collective behind the project, dubbed Atlas, faces stiff competition. The University of Maryland's Gamera II helicopter set a U.S. flight record of 49.9 seconds last June and is also expected to test for the prize later this month.

Until this year, no team had got their human-powered helicopter off the ground since 1994. With AeroVelo ready to test this week, never before have two teams been in this tight a competition for the elusive prize.

"We would definitely like to be first," said Atlas' 25-year-old chief structural engineer, Cameron Robertson. "The fact that there has been this competition is really a driver."

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Breaking point

"We know exactly when all these structures are going to break. If they're stronger than they need to be, they're way too heavy. This entire aircraft has a small factor of safety, but everything is very, very close to breaking."

Pilot Todd Reichert

Team members get underneath a string wheel to fix pulley strings as a group of engineers, called AeroVelo, begin to assemble their human-powered helicopter at Vaughan Soccer Centre, where the group has rented a facility for the next two weeks. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Assembly

Chopper takes shape

Last Wednesday, ten Atlas team members tiptoed across the indoor soccer field's artificial turf, carefully fitting together four massive carbon-fibre trusses, four spools and two blade rotors and a $10,000 Cervelo bike frame, reputedly the world's lightest, which powers the helicopter.

After an hour, the team cheered as the behemoth machine, believed to be the largest human-powered helicopter ever built, began to take shape.

When assembly is complete, the Cervelo frame will dangle from the centre, a pulley system of 1-mm-diameter ropes connecting the pedals to the rotors. The helicopter is optimized exclusively for pilot Todd Reichert's 168-pound frame.

Reichert, 30, a national-level speed skater, can pedal at 1.2 horsepower for a full minute. He reckons it will take an "all-out sprint" for roughly 15 seconds to reach three metres, then a reduced effort to glide out for the remaining 45 seconds.

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Rescue mission

Four kayakers pulled from lake

Four kayakers, including two 16-year-old boys, were rescued from Lake Ontario Sunday morning after high winds and pounding three-foot waves caused a few vessels to capsize and drift away from the group.

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Missing canoeist?

Body found in Oshawa harbour

The body of a male was pulled from an Oshawa harbour this weekend, Durham Regional Police confirmed, fuelling speculation that it may belong to a canoeist missing since earlier this month.

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Gun violence

Midtown shots leave one injured

One man was injured after shots rang out at Oakwood and Vaughan on Sunday. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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U.S. Middle class melts away figuratively, literally at protest

The few hundred protesters gathered under rainy skies in a park about a half-mile from the site of the Republican convention on Sunday said an impending hurricane that is supposed to dump heavy rains on Tampa won't deter them from trying to get out their message that America needs to change, especially for the middle class.

Giant blocks of ice spelling out the words "middle class" are melting on a warm, sticky day. Occupy protesters say it represents the melting away of the middle class in America.

That message rings true for Tom Gaurapp and Cheryl Landecker from Freeport, Ill. Both worked for Sensata Technologies in the city of some 25,000 people and say 170 jobs there, including their own, were outsourced to China.

The hurricane forecast caused Republicans to postpone their convention activities on Monday's opening day and not that many delegates seemed to be around Sunday to see the protesters. The protests stayed small also by mid-afternoon.

The weather isn't a deterrent to 52-year-old Donald Butner, who says he's been sleeping at the Occupy camp in Tampa for a few months and that "we're here, baby, rain or shine. The weather is going to do what it is going to do." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A demonstrator holds a sign before a protest march on Sunday in Tampa, Fla., against the Republican National Convention. PATRICK SEMANSKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hurricane expected to hit on seventh anniversary of Katrina

Tropical storm Isaac.
Florida Keys residents camp it up in snorkels and wet suits; Gulf Coast prepares for the worst

A cyclist rides his bike in Key West, Fla., Sunday. Tropical storm Isaac gained fresh muscle Sunday as it bore down on the Florida Keys, with forecasters warning it could grow into a dangerous Category 2 hurricane as it nears the northern Gulf Coast. ALAN DIAZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tropical storm Isaac barely stirred Florida Keys residents from their fabled nonchalance Sunday, while the Gulf Coast braced for the possibility that the sprawling storm will strengthen into a dangerous hurricane by the time it makes landfall there.

Isaac was expected to cross the Keys by late afternoon, then turn northwest and strike as a Category 2 hurricane somewhere between the New Orleans area to the Florida Panhandle on Wednesday, the seventh anniversary of hurricane Katrina.

Even before reaching hurricane strength, Isaac caused considerable inconvenience, with hundreds of flights cancelled at airports in Miami and Fort Lauderdale. There were scattered power outages from Key West to Fort Lauderdale affecting more than 6,000 customers, and flooding occurred in low-lying areas.

Wind gusts of nearly 100 km/h were reported as far north as Pompano Beach, north of Fort Lauderdale. But while officials urged residents in southeast Florida to stay home, that recommendation was ignored by surfers and joggers on Miami Beach and shoppers at area malls.

In Key West, Emalyn Mercer rode her bike while decked out with a snorkel and mask, inflatable arm bands and a paddle, just for a laugh. She rode with Kelly Friend, who wore a wet suit, dive cap and lobster gloves. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pathetic fallacy at Republican convention?

The hotly anticipated Republican National Convention in Tampa, Fla., kicks off this week, though it's now at the mercy of a would-be hurricane bearing down to join forces with the tempest already inflicted upon Mitt Romney and the Republican party by an anti-abortion Missouri congressman.

The irony of a potential hurricane wreaking havoc on the convention hasn't been lost on many pundits, especially since several high-profile conservatives, including Republican congresswoman Michele Bachmann, have blamed liberal policies over the years for similar "acts of God."

"By their own logic, Republicans and their conservative allies should be concerned that Isaac is a form of divine retribution," Washington Post columnist Dana Milbank wrote last week.

Indeed, the recent remarks from U.S. Senate candidate Todd Akin about women's bodies shutting down and preventing pregnancy in cases of "legitimate rape" have already exposed dangerous fault lines in the party's fragile coalition of disparate factions. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Pussy Riot. Two members flee Russia to escape same fate as bandmates

Two members of the punk band Pussy Riot have fled Russia to avoid prosecution for a protest against Vladimir Putin that sent three of their band mates to prison, the group said Sunday.

Five members of the feminist group took part in a provocative performance inside Moscow's main cathedral in February to protest the Russian leader's rule and his cozy relationship with the Orthodox Church. The women wore their trademark garishly colored balaclavas, which made it difficult for police to identify them, and only three were arrested. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A supporter of the Russian female punk band Pussy Riot at a protest outside the Russian consulate in Toronto on Aug. 17. MICHELLE SIU/THE CANDIAN PRESS

Venezuela

Explosion at oil refinery kills dozens

Venezuelans who live next to the country's biggest oil refinery said they smelled a strong odour of sulfur hours before a gas leak ignited in an explosion that killed at least 39 people and injured more than 80. The Amuay refinery was still burning on Sunday more than a day after the blast. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Spain

Wildfires continue to wreak havoc

Two wildfires in southern Spain forced the evacuation of around 1,000 residents, making this the worst summer in a decade for countryside devoured by flames, authorities said Sunday. This year, Spain has lost 149,300 hectares of forest and countryside in more than 11,650 wildfires. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Togo. Women urged to go on sex strike to oust president

The female wing of a civil rights group is urging women in Togo to stage a week-long sex strike to demand the resignation of the country's president.

Women are being asked to start withholding sex from their husbands or partners as of Monday, said Isabelle Amegan-vi, leader of the women's wing of the group Let's Save Togo. She said the strike will put pressure on Togo's men to take action against President Faure Gnassingbe. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley stands behind the podium in front of a picture display of Neil Armstrong, the first man to walk on the moon, in the Tampa Bay Times Forum at the Republican National Convention in Tampa, Fla., on Sunday. Armstrong died Saturday. DAVID GOLDMAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

First man on the moon dead at 82

Neil Armstrong. 600 million sets of eyes were fixed on astronaut during 1969 moon landing

When man first harnessed fire, no one recorded it. When the Wright Brothers showed man could fly, only a handful of people witnessed it. But when Neil Armstrong took that first small step on the moon in July 1969, an entire globe watched in grainy black-and-white from a quarter million miles away.

Although more than half of the world's population wasn't alive then, it was an event that changed and expanded the globe.

His first words after the feat are etched in history books and the memories of the spellbound millions who heard them in a live broadcast.

"That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind," Armstrong said.

Armstrong, who had bypass surgery earlier this month, died Saturday at age 82 from what his family said were complications of heart procedures.

"It's a human achievement that will be remembered forever," said John Logsdon, professor emeritus of space policy at George Washington University. Those first steps in 1969 were beamed to nearly every country around the world, thanks to a recently launched satellite. It was truly the first global mass media event, Logsdon said. An estimated 600 million people — one out of every five on the planet — watched. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The lives Syrian rebels left to fight Assad's rule

Civil war. The mixed bunch includes butchers, barbers, construction workers and university students

Rebels fighting a civil war they hope will end Syrian President Bashar Assad's authoritarian rule are a combination of army defectors, Islamists, intellectuals, labourers and other ordinary people — who took up arms against one of the Middle East's most brutal police states.

Mohammed Sami, 22, said he sold vegetables and worked in a grocery store in a small town in northern Syria before persuading his father to invest in his dream: a barber shop.

He worked with a friend and their shop had two chairs, big mirrors, electric clippers and a TV set.

After the uprising started, he said they hung a revolutionary flag on the wall. When soldiers raided the village, Sami said they set his place on fire.

Soon after, Sami said he joined the rebels.

Bader Farouh, 17, said he got arrested soon after catching the revolutionary bug. The second time police caught him at a protest, he said they hung him naked on a wall for more beatings.

Afterward, he said his father took him to the head of a local rebel brigade and told him: "Take him and treat him like one of your sons."

Ahmed al-Saleh, 22, said he wanted to go to university after he graduated from high school but didn't have the money to pay for it or the grades to get the government to do so. So he said he joined the police and stamped passports at an isolated border crossing with Turkey.

Before he joined the rebels, he said he supported it "in his heart" but kept quiet.

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Rebel

"We kept saying peaceful, peaceful. But they came at us with guns and shells and airplanes."

Mohammed Sami, 22

Clockwise from top left: Syrian rebel fighters, Amir Hajji, 20, Mohammed Abu Razouk, 27, Badir Farouh, 17 and Mohammed Sami, 22. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Massacre. Mass burials held in Damascus suburb

Dozens of bloodied bodies were buried Sunday in mass graves in a Damascus suburb where activists claim more than 300 people have been killed over the past week in a major government offensive to take back control of rebel-held areas in and around the capital.

The British-based activist group Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said 32 more dead bodies were found in the streets of Daraya on Sunday and that they had been killed by "gunfire and summary executions." It put the toll for the past week as at least 320.

Another activist group, the Local Coordination Committees, claimed 300 bodies were discovered Saturday in Daraya and 633 people have been killed there since the government launched its assault last week.

President Bashar Assad, in comments carried by state media, reiterated his long-standing claim that a foreign plot was behind the uprising against his rule and said he would not allow it to succeed "whatever the price might be."

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Intervention

Britain's minister for Middle East affairs, Alistair Burt, meanwhile, said if confirmed, the massacre "would be an atrocity on a new scale requiring unequivocal condemnation from the entire international community."

Drawdown

NATO closes bases in Afghanistan

NATO has closed more than 200 bases in Afghanistan and transferred nearly 300 others to local forces, hoping to hand over security by 2014, NATO said Sunday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Israeli Embassy attack

Egyptian court convicts 76

A Cairo court has convicted 76 Egyptians on charges linked to last year's attack by protesters on the Israeli Embassy: 75 got one-year sentences, the other, 5 years in prison. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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American woman now a pro-Palestinian symbol

Civil lawsuit. Couple looking for justice after their daughter was crushed by an Israeli tank back in 2003

Almost a decade after their daughter was crushed to death by an Israeli army bulldozer as she tried to block its path in a Gaza Strip conflict zone, Rachel Corrie's parents are preparing for a judge's ruling in their high-profile civil lawsuit against the military.

They hope Tuesday's court decision will conclude a case that's turned their daughter into a rallying cry for pro-Palestinian activists, taken years of their life and drained their savings.

"We are here with a great deal of anticipation for Tuesday," said Corrie's mother, Cindy, 64, a homemaker and musician from Olympia, Washington. "We are hoping for some accountability here for what happened to Rachel."

Craig and Cynthia Corrie display a photo of their daughter at a news conference outside the Capitol in Washington in March 2003. The Corries lost their daughter, Rachel, shown in a photo in the background, when she was killed by an Israeli bulldozer while trying to block demolition of a Palestinian residence in Gaza. LAWRENCE JACKSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Corrie, a pro-Palestinian activist, was 23 when she was killed in March 2003 while she and other activists sought to block an Israeli military bulldozer they believed was about to demolish Palestinian homes in the Gaza border town of Rafah. The driver has said he didn't see Corrie, and the death was accidental.

The Israeli army had been undertaking systematic house demolitions in the densely populated border area, trying to halt shooting and mortar attacks against soldiers and Jewish settlers who used the route. The house destruction sparked international condemnation at the time.

While several foreign activists were killed or wounded in confrontations with the Israeli military during the last decade, Corrie's case has taken on special meaning for Palestinian activists; she became a symbol of what they say is Israel's harsh repression of nonviolent protest to occupation.

The family's case is the first civil lawsuit of a foreigner harmed by Israel's military to conclude in a full civilian trial. Others have resulted in out-of-court settlements.

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The case

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- Since the Corries went to court in 2005, there have been 15 hearings and testimony from 23 witnesses.

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Patent dispute

Apple verdict over Samsung may hurt other competitors, analysts suggest

It was the $1-billion question: What does Apple's victory in an epic patent dispute over Samsung mean for the U.S. smartphone industry?

Many analysts said the decision could spell danger for competitors who, like Samsung, use Google's Android operating system to power their cellphones.

A loss to the Android-based market would represent a big hit for Google as well.

"I am sure this is going to put a damper on Android's growth," New York-based Isi Group analyst Brian Marshall said, "It hurts the franchise."

The Silicon Valley jury found that some of Samsung's products illegally copied features and designs exclusive to Apple's iPhone and iPad.

Some experts cautioned that the jury's decision might not be final, noting the California lawsuit is one of nine similar legal actions across the globe between the two leading smartphone makers.

Samsung has vowed to appeal the verdict all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court, arguing that Apple's patents for such "obvious" things as its products' rounded rectangle shape were wrongly granted. A Sept. 20 hearing is scheduled.

The verdict was narrowly tailored to only Samsung, which sold more than 22 million smartphones and tablets that Apple claimed used its technology.

But most other Apple competitors have used the Android system to produce similar technology, which could limit the features offered on all non-Apple phones, analysts said.

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Prince Harry waits to present the winners' medals during the London Marathon last April. SANG TAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Murdoch sending message by running nude Harry photos?

'Mooning the establishment'. Reports suggest scandal-plagued mogul may be pushing back on press freedom by challenging royals

By letting his top-selling U.K. tabloid run photos of a naked Prince Harry cavorting in a Las Vegas hotel room, some say media mogul Rupert Murdoch was warning Britain's establishment that he could still shake things up.

British officialdom has largely turned its back on Murdoch because of the phone-hacking scandal that has badly tainted his media empire over the past year. So even though Murdoch's The Sun newspaper framed its decision to publish the nude pictures as a defence of press freedom, some observers saw the move as a feisty message from the tycoon.

"Not only was The Sun showing Harry's bottom, Murdoch was mooning the Establishment," said journalist Jane Merrick, whose article in The Independent on Sunday alleged that Murdoch personally ordered the paper to run the photos in a phone call with Tom Mockridge, the chief of his British newspaper unit, News International.

Murdoch, once courted by lawmakers across the British political spectrum, has seen his clout wither after his company was exposed as having hacked phones to score scoops.

The scandal has prompted a media-ethics inquiry that could propose sweeping changes to how Britain's press is policed.

If The Sun was cowed, it didn't show it Friday, when it published the pictures of Harry along with a lengthy public-interest justification claiming that "the photos have potential implications for the Prince's image representing Britain around the world."

In a Twitter message to a reader who congratulated him on The Sun's decision, Murdoch said he "needed to demonstrate (that there is) no such thing as free press in U.K."

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"He may be on the public payroll one way or another, but the public loves him."

News International head Rupert Murdoch, on royal rogue Prince Harry

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Most of the Bisphenol A contained in everyday products is either destroyed or winds up in landfills, says a new study for Environment Canada. The finding helps to allay concerns that BPA persists in the environment — but critics say the study should not stall elimination efforts. Since April, key industries have been required to develop plans to reduce the amount of BPA they release into the environment.

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FOREVER YONGE: DON'T STOP CELEBRATING TORONTO'S MAIN STREET

URBAN COMPASS
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Yonge Street is alive again. Let's keep it that way.

The historic centre of the city and Toronto's main drag hasn't always had a great reputation. It's been called kitschy. Undesirable. Even dangerous. Things got worse in April 2010, when a heritage building at Yonge and Gould was allowed to crumble and later burn to the ground.

But these days, things are different. As part of a month-long festival called Celebrate Yonge, two lanes of vehicle traffic through the downtown section have been turned over to pedestrians and retailers. Where cars once idled in traffic, people now sit on expanded restaurant patios and in makeshift public spaces.

It's a remarkable transformation, but so far only a temporary one. And Yonge Street deserves better than temporary. Following the success of this festival, it seems obvious that the street could use a more permanent change.

Coun. Kristyn Wong-Tam, whose ward includes the section of Yonge Street affected, is on side.

"One-off experiences are wonderful to give people a taste," she says, but, ultimately, she says she supports a vision of Yonge Street that can stand as the "true iconic main street of Ontario." She favours a "complete streets" model that leaves room for all modes of transportation as opposed to creating a pedestrian-only zone.

Wong-Tam, who has been focused on bringing change to Yonge Street for much of the last two years, credits the local community of retailers, property owners and residents for leading the charge for change.

"The real success story of Celebrate Yonge is not just about the change on the street," she says. "It's been a tremendous community-building and city-building exercise. I knew the aesthetics of the street had to change, but something else wonderful has come out of it. A community has come together."

With businesses and residents on board, there's a slam-dunk case for a more permanent transformation project. But then there's the elephant in the room: Can Wong-Tam really sell car-loving Mayor Rob Ford on a plan that would inevitably call for the removal of downtown traffic lanes?

For her part, Wong-Tam seems pretty confident that she can. She says she's kept Ford informed "every step of the way," and met with the mayor about the plans for Yonge Street earlier this summer. Though Ford hasn't taken the time to drop by the festival as of yet, she says he offered his support as long as it was what businesses in the area wanted.

It seems pretty safe to assume that those businesses have spoken. The expanded patios are busy. The feedback received by Wong-Tam and others has been overwhelmingly positive.

Celebrate Yonge has sparked a renewed excitement for Yonge Street.

So why let the celebration come to an end?

Read more of Matt's blog, Ford for Toronto, at metronews.ca

A woman walks through a closed lane of Yonge Street as part of the Celebrate Yonge pedestrian street fair. ANDREW FRANCIS WALLACE/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Horse-drawn boat, anyone?

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Post-Olympic transport

Boat celebrates birthday in style

This was the first canal boat to be pulled through London, England, by a horse in 60 years. The Ilkeston barge was on its way to the London Canal Museum to mark its 100th birthday, after being restored to mint condition in the North of England. It was led there by Buddy, a 13-year-old Clydesdale horse, surely grateful this is no longer a common practice. METRO

Cheap price

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The cost in pounds sterling (about $544) that the Ilkeston was sold for in 1945 when it finished its span as a cargo ship. Between then and its restoration, it was used as a "mud boat" for dredging the canal floor.

Horse jobs

- **Pit ponies.** Used to haul coal underground from the 18th century until 1971, often replacing child labour.
- **Hansom cab horses.** Fastest way to travel in the 19th century, they were extremely popular. Eventually replaced by taxis.
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Kevin Darke steers The Ilkeston after it was restored by volunteers and trainees at the National Waterways Museum.

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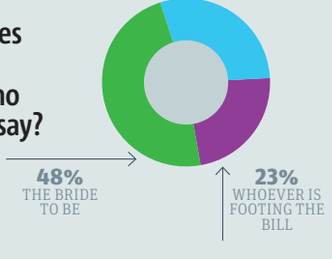

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@ellstar: Just left #FanExpo and walked straight into a Turkish Festival at David Pecault Square. I love you Toronto! #GozlemeForever

@Sarah__Campbell: I have to admit #fanexpo was not what I expected. It's like Halloween in August for adults!

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The odd (celebrity) couple

The engagement of Avril Lavigne and Chad Kroeger has shocked Sk8er Bois and wannabe rockstars alike. This is how they remind us of some other strange star couplings.

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Metro World News

Congratulations are in order for Canada's most famous couple that no one knew existed, Avril Lavigne and Chad Kroeger. Lavigne annoyed millions (all the way to the platinum-tinged bank) with her "punk" records and pop singles. Kroeger has drawn much criticism for his lead singer role in Nickleback — so much so that even he's joined in and jokingly lashed back at the hatred through tongue-in-cheek videos on Funny or Die and quips on Twitter.

The two surprised fans and enemies alike by getting engaged after six months of discretely dating while they were co-writing a song for Lavigne's fifth studio album.

But they're not the most shocking couple out there. Here's a couple more pairings that had us stunned.

Ben Affleck and Jennifer Lopez

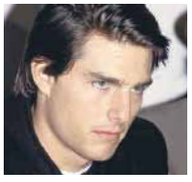
He was raised in Boston. She grew up the Bronx. Somehow, these two managed to get together for what we are quite sure was a meaningful, not-long-lasting relationship. And, um, Gigli.

Woody Allen and Soon-Yi Previn

Though legally he wasn't her stepfather, Allen's relationship with Previn's adoptive mother, Mia Farrow, made the whole situation icky. It must be true love though: They've been together since 1992 and have two adopted daughters.

Lisa Marie Presley and Nicolas Cage

Gossip mills say that one of the main reasons Cage was attracted to the Presley daughter was because of his obsession with the King, which we're assuming would make for really awkward first date conversation.



Tom Cruise and Cher

Believe it or not, these two were together for a few months in the 1980s. Then again, it was the 1980s. A lot of things that shock us today weren't so surprising back then.

Rufus Wainwright weds

Musician Rufus Wainwright has tied the knot.

Publicist Bianca Bianconi confirmed Wainwright and Jorn Weisbrodt were married in a ceremony last Thursday.

People reports the 39-year-old musician and the artistic director of the Luminato Festival were married by close friend and artist Justin Vivian Bond in a ceremony in Montauk on Long Island. Wainwright and Weisbrodt have a one-year-old daughter together in a parenting partnership with Lorca Cohen, daughter of Leonard Cohen. Wainwright and Weisbrodt were engaged in 2010.

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Rufus Wainwright and Jorn Weisbrodt were engaged in 2010. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Battlefield of love. Usher gets custody of his boys after court fight with ex

Grammy-winning R&B singer Usher was awarded custody on Friday of his two sons, ending a long legal fight with his ex-wife.

Fulton County U.S. Superior Court Judge Bensonetta Tipton Lane ruled that the 33-year-old singer will have primary custody of Usher Raymond V and Naviyd Ely Raymond, according to court clerk's office spokeswoman Cherrise Boone. His custody will start Sept. 1.

Boone said Usher and his ex-wife Tameka Foster Raymond will have joint legal custody.

Usher's lawyer, Ivory Brown, did not immediately return a call on Friday. Lisa West, a lawyer for Tameka Raymond, did not immediately return an email seeking comment.

Usher, whose real name is Usher Raymond IV, married Tameka Raymond in 2007. They divorced two years later. In May, Usher testified that Tameka Raymond spit at and tried to fight his girlfriend during one visit and that his ex-wife hit him during the dispute. He said he didn't press charges because: "I didn't want the boys to know that their father put their mother in jail."

Tameka Raymond's attorney claimed that Usher provoked her client and that his account is exaggerated.

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On the web

Lawyer for paparazzo charged in Bieber chase will fight Calif. law aimed at celebrity pursuits

Morissette 'blissful' about first album in four years

Jubilation. Singer celebrates happy home life — basking in afterglow of marriage and birth of son

When chatting with celebrities, prying personal questions are often off-limits, or at least frowned upon. In the case of Alanis Morissette, however, the personal and professional have perhaps never intertwined so closely.

Sure, the sharpest edges of her breakthrough breakup screed Jagged Little Pill inspired enduring chatter about the identity of her battered target (the prevailing theory is also the most disappointing: Full House star Dave Coulier).

And later releases So-Called Chaos and its moody follow-up Flavors of Entanglement seemed to provide some dizzying details of the Ottawa star's fall into and out of a serious relationship with Hollywood heart throb Ryan Reynolds.

But Havoc and Bright Lights is different. Basking in the afterglow of her 2010 marriage to rapper Mario (MC Souleye) Treadway and the birth of their son, Ever, later that year, Morissette recorded the new album at home so her child would always be close at hand.

Of course, he was top of mind too, as Morissette's happy home life and new motherhood fuelled a collection of tunes with a dramatically different outlook than her previous work.

"It has allowed me to have more fuel and more energy, rather than being drained by the profound dysfunction of my relationship and having me be distracted," said the 38-year-old in a recent interview in Toronto.

"It's allowed me to really focus on my priorities."

Professionally, that meant spending a "painstaking" amount of time crafting her first album in four years. It also meant finding the will to be blissfully ignorant to any unsolicited outside input.

And "blissful" certainly seems to be the word these days, as Morissette glides into each engagement in a day of interviews as if she's a few inches off the ground.

Stylishly outfitted in slim-fitting khaki pants, a white blouse and teal blazer with some tasteful gold jewelry bangling around her wrists to match her bright yellow heels, Morissette's arrival is preceded by whispers from press and publicists alike about just how, well, nice she is.

The record, too, reflects her newfound jubilation. Beneath the adrenalized guitars of album opener Guardian, Morissette sings both about her need to protect her son but also the way he's made her value herself more.

And the album's starkest sentimentalism concerns her relationship with her husband. The gently uplifting adult pop confection Empathy finds Morissette thanking Treadway for really "seeing" her, while Til You — a fluttering wisp of a ballad — is the first "bona fide love song" she's ever written.

Aside from inspiring those tunes, Treadway has had a more pragmatic impact on Morissette's professional life. When she embarked on a brief-but-taxing trek through Europe recently — her first tour in four years — Treadway came along with her, bringing Ever to shows outfitted with a cautionary set of noise-cancelling headphones.

Alanis Morissette signs her name in cement at her RockWalk induction ceremony at Guitar Center, Aug. 21 in Los Angeles. CHRIS PIZZELLO/INVISION/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quoted

"I think passion writes things. There was a lot of passion going on on behalf of womanhood, on behalf of commitment, on behalf of finally experiencing the monogamous, committed relationship that I'd dreamed of for so long, and was shamed for."

Alanis Morissette

Needless to say, it was a major change from what Morissette had grown used to.

"I used to think that travelling was its own entity — I would come home and try to pick up the pieces of my so-called personal life. Now, my personal life is on the road, so it will sustain touring for a long time," she said.

"There was a period of time where the alpha woman — which happens to be the archetype that I am — was burnt at the stake and we had our heads chopped off. Now we're actually gloriously being championed," she added, speaking more generally about her relationship.

"And then there's this component of this beta-empowered man who doesn't have to be apologetic or shamed for the fact that he was born to support the mission of his woman. So I think it made it all possible for me to have the beautiful marriage that I have and to be able to live my life without dating someone who slowly clips the wings and clips my cape and clips my world away."

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Rock the Veto: Musicians on banning politicians from using music

Romney rebuffed. Silversun the most recent band to make a statement asking a politician not to use their song

PAT HEALY
Metro World News in Boston

The last week and a half has seen a number of musicians publicly complaining about their involuntary association with politicians.

Responses have been uniformly biting and mostly funny. Recently, the Silversun Pickups issued a statement to the Republican presumptive nominee for the U.S. presidency Mitt Romney about the inappropriate use of their song Panic Switch.

"We don't like people going behind our backs, using our music without asking, and we don't like the Romney campaign," wrote singer Brian Aubert. "We're nice, approachable people. We won't bite. Unless you're Mitt Romney!"

Tom Morello GETTY IMAGES

Earlier in the month, Tom Morello of Rage Against the Machine wrote an open letter via Rolling Stone to Romney's running mate Paul Ryan, who said Rage was one of his favorite bands.

"Paul Ryan's love of Rage Against the Machine is amusing," wrote Morello, "because he is the embodiment of the machine that our music has been raging against for two decades."

And just last Tuesday, Dee Snider of Twisted Sister asked Ryan to stop playing his band's We're Not Gonna Take It.

"There is almost nothing on which I agree with Paul Ryan," Snider told a Talking Points Memo reporter, "except perhaps the use of the P90X."

Would you allow your music to be used by a politician?

"I guess we'd have to wait until we were asked to know. My guess is no. I mean, I would obviously support Obama over Romney, but it's not like Obama's not total crap too. The state of politics in America is just awful, so I don't know. Probably not, but maybe." Alex Scally of Beach House

We're not gonna take it

Musicians who deny candidates from using their music is not a new thing.

- In the 1964 presidential campaign, Republican candidate Barry Goldwater wanted to use Hello Dolly and change the words to Hello Barry. Upon learning that the song was being appropriated for rallies, the show's producer, David Merrick, an outspoken Democrat, reportedly approached the campaign and said they were violating copyright law. Word got out to the campaign of Goldwater's opponent, Lyndon Johnson, and they tapped Carol Channing, who was playing the lead in Dolly, to record Hello Lyndon. No one complained.
- In 1984, when Ronald Reagan mentioned Bruce Springsteen in a speech, the musician was very quick to publicly distance himself from the president.
- In 1988, when George Bush ran for president, he used Bobby McFerrin's hit Don't Worry, Be Happy, and quickly received a cease and desist.
- In 1996, Bob Dole tried to pull a Hello Dolly and turn Sam and Dave's Soul Man into Dole Man. The publisher of the song threatened to sue.
- Tom Petty sent George W. Bush a cease and desist order for using I Won't Back Down in his campaign in 2000. Petty later performed the song at the house of Al Gore after he gave his concession speech when Bush was determined the winner of the election.
- In 2008, John McCain's music choices seemed humorously self-aware, employing ABBA's Take a Chance on Me and Jackson Browne's Running on Empty. But the musicians weren't exactly in on the joke, and in the only instance of a presidential candidate being sued by a musician, a California District Court ruled in favour of Browne, forcing McCain to pay up. McCain also unsuccessfully tried to use songs by Heart, Foo Fighters, Van Halen and John Mellencamp.
- Republicans aren't the only ones to get in trouble for their music choices. In 2008, when Barack Obama used Sam and Dave's soul classic, Hold On, I'm Coming at appearances, singer Sam Moore (he who also objected to the use of Dole Man) asked Obama to stop. The singer didn't endorse Obama, but said, "It is thrilling, in my lifetime, to see that our country has matured to the place where it is no longer an impossibility for a man of colour to really be considered as a legitimate candidate for the highest office."

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Would you allow your music to be used by a politician?

"If it was a right-wing candidate, like if it was a Republican, we'd ask for a giant amount of money, probably like $10 million. If it was like a cornball, but slightly less bad candidate like Obama or whoever .... we'd ask for probably $1 million." Heems of Das Racist

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‘Mainstream is a sewer’: Brian Jonestown Massacre

Aufheben. Anton Newcombe talks about his adopted city of Berlin and why he left So-Cal behind

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Maintaining a band for 20 years while eschewing mainstream culture is no easy feat. But despite Anton Newcombe’s brush with near-celebrity a few years back when his band, Brian Jonestown Massacre, engaged in a well-documented spat with the Dandy Warhols, the singer and songwriter has maintained enough popularity to prosper and continue while remaining spiritually and artistically in the underground.

“Let’s be honest: The mainstream is a sewer,” Newcombe states, adding a few acronyms — MTV, TMZ — as examples of what he deems a murky puddle. “Why on Earth would I want to be anywhere near any of it? ...

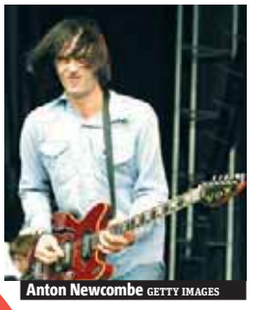
Growing up in Newport Beach and watching the culture change from local and well-to-do to transient new money bulls— forced me to forsake it forever.”

Newcombe is no longer a So-Cal boy. These days he lives in Berlin, hence the title of BJM’s latest album, Aufheben.

“It’s the last place in the Western world that will adopt the outward trapping of a police state as we glide ever deeper into something that looks like and feels like corporate fascism,” he says of his adopted city. “The people of Germany have experience with government overstepping human rights to the point of genocide. As a culture, it is overwhelmingly on guard to learn and atone for the past and work hard to build a better future,” he says, adding a succinct: “I love the energy.”

What does aufheben mean?

Hegel defined it as to end something and to raise something to a higher level. Newcombe says: “I think the word aufheben is topical on a personal level and a global level. ... That and the phrase ‘yield to overcome.’ Sometimes you ... take stock to excel, other times you need to rip it up and start again to reach greatness.”


Anton Newcombe GETTY IMAGES

New release. Art Garfunkel wrestles with musical future

As he reflects on the past with a new collection of mostly older tunes, legendary pop-folk singer-songwriter Art Garfunkel is also wrestling with his musical future.

The harmonizing master of Simon & Garfunkel and solo-artist fame, who releases the two-CD retrospective collection The Singer on Tuesday, has battled vocal cord paresis for about two years now and took a break from performing live until recently.

And though the six-time Grammy Award winner says he’s “95 per cent” healed, he’s unsure of what will happen with his music career.

“I was nervous in Williamstown, (Mass.,) was it three nights ago or four nights ago, the first show in quite a while,” Garfunkel said in a recent telephone interview from Northern Greece, one of several stops on his ongoing, years-long “walk across Europe.”

“But it’s all going to be OK, I feel it in the bones. I will corral this experience and triumph.”

The recovery of the 70-year-old’s beloved dulcet tones aren’t his only obstacle to entering the studio and recording a full-length album of new tunes, though.

“I don’t know what comes next,” said the New York native, who is also a Golden Globe-nominated actor and a poet. “For me, as a singer, I’m only now just last week getting back onstage and trusting that I can sing again. So beyond stage comes recording. Recording is skittish for people like me. How do you get paid? How do you track it? There’s no charts anymore. How do you know if people like it? What’s the form? Radio is dead.”

Garfunkel also longs for the days of analogue and pre-piracy.

“I must say the whole idea of recording in the studio, which was the fun of crafting it and singing in private and being shy but being a perfectionist, it ruled my life until the age of digital. THE CANADIAN PRESS

New project

- With The Singer, Garfunkel went to great pains to make sure each song would flow perfectly into the next, and he’s hoping fans will listen to the tunes in sequence. The 34-song collection, which he put together himself, includes his solo work as well as tracks from his Simon & Garfunkel years. The project also has two new songs — Lena and Long Way Home — as well as his personal notes on each tune.

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Jamie Travis. Director finds the sweet spot between crass and class

Jamie Travis with Ari Graynor. HANDOUT

"When I read the script it was clear to me that the success of the film would be dependent on its tone," says Jamie Travis of his new comedy For a Good Time, Call… which tells the story of two roommates (Ari Graynor and co-writer Lauren Miller) who start running a phone sex line out of their New York City apartment.

"What we had to do was find the right spot between being sweet and being crass."

Not the easiest challenge, considering that this was the Toronto-based director's feature debut after a series of acclaimed shorts and some eye-catching music videos.

Travis also knew that the elaborate, artificial style of his short films wouldn't work for a commercial comedy and adjusted accordingly.

"I knew that if I plunked my style down into this film it would be a mistake," he says.

"The movie was never going to be about clever art direction or placing people humorously around the frame. It was going to work based on the characters. The audience needs to love these girls and root for them to be friends."

Travis definitely loved his leads: he spent some time in LA living with Miller and her husband, Seth Rogen, and he compares Graynor to such icons of '80s comedy as Goldie Hawn and Bette Midler.

"I grew up watching movies about women, about funny women," he explains.

"I thought the best version of this movie would require reverence for female independence and female sexuality. Female sexuality is something that some people are scared of, it's not explored in films in a grounded way."

He says that his stars' strong, uninhibited performances helped to work against the stereotypes.

"Ari can ground anything. She's going to be a huge movie star in about five minutes."

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Jamie Travis at a glance

- **The Saddest Boy in the World (2006).** Short comedy
- **The Armoire (2009).** Short comedy
- **Seven Sins: Greed (2011).** Short musical

Ari Graynor is on the line … for a good time

Phone sex flick. Actress talks about channeling Bette Midler, Beaches, and getting your rocks off via voice only

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News in Hollywood

For A Good Time, Call ... opens this Friday. HANDOUT

In For a Good Time, Call..., Ari Graynor plays one half of an odd-couple roommate pair (with co-writer Lauren Anne Miller as the more conservative half) who end up best friends and co-owners of a successful phone sex operation. The film gave Graynor — who reminds viewers of a young Bette Midler — plenty of opportunities to show off her comedy chops.

This may sound weird, but this movie really reminded me of Beaches.

Oh my God, it's so funny. We have a joke that if the movie does well, we want to do a Funny or Die video with Barbara Hershey and Bette Midler called Cum to the Beaches. I feel like they would do it. I'm starting a Twitter campaign to get Bette to come to our premiere. But yeah, it's basically the same movie, at the end of the day. From now on, people are like, "For a Good Time, Call...? The remake of Beaches, you mean?" (laughs).

It seems in today's Hollywood it's harder to get those kinds of female-fronted comedies made.

There was a dynamic of strength and vulnerability in all those women that I just loved so much — and a freedom in their performances that I just think was so special. Certainly that kind of talent is still around, there just hasn't been the forum to let it loose in the same way. I don't know why that got lost. It's confusing, but it's nice to feel like maybe it's coming back. I feel like there's this really exciting moment right now — specifically with women — of taking charge of their careers, of taking charge of content. There are all these women that are making it happen for themselves. Some people might say it's unrealistic to get (For a Good Time, Call...) made, to get it made in 16 days, to find financing, to get into Sundance, but here we are and it's been such a complete success story. You never know, and you just have to push through.

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"We're in this culture of porn but people, I believe, still want intimacy..."

Ari Graynor on why phone sex still exists in the age of the Internet

How important was it for this story to take place in New York?

Well, we shot it in L.A., with one day of shooting in New York. It was so important to the story that it be set in New York. The economical reality of this story of why two people that hate each other would be forced to live together and that sense of real estate only really happens in New York. It's not the same in L.A. If you have a beautiful, previously rent-controlled apartment in Gramercy Park, you cannot afford that.

I don't know how much research you did, but it seems surprising that phone sex lines still exist.

Phone sex absolutely still exists. I think the truth is, even with the Internet there's a different kind of anonymity with phone sex than with Web cams and all that stuff — God knows who can record what on those things. And, I think more to the point, people like a little intimacy. We're in this culture of porn but people, I believe, still want intimacy, and I think some people are afraid of it in real life or don't know how to access it in real life. And the phone provides a little voice-to-voice contact. And it's cliched but true that a lot of people call and just want to talk.

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Fifty Shades phenomenon only getting hotter this fall

Books preview. J.K. Rowling, Michael Chabon among other authors with new books

E L James' multimillion-selling erotic trilogy Fifty Shades of Grey, a list-topper since early spring, is expected to benefit at least a dozen novels, say booksellers and publishers.

Releases likely to catch on include Sylvain Reynard's Gabriel's Inferno and Gabriel's Rapture, Sylvia Day's Reflected in You and a compilation of Harlequin novellas unsubtly titled, 12 Shades of Surrender.

Just in the past two weeks, St. Martin's Press took on Sara Fawkes' self-published hit, Anything He Wants (Dominated by the Billionaire), and Gallery Books, a Simon & Schuster imprint, signed up Jennifer Probst's The Marriage Bargain.

Open Road Integrated Media, a digital publisher, announced it would release the popular Eighty Days trilogy, written by a "well-known publishing insider" and a "familiar figure in London's fetish scene" collectively known as Vina Jackson.

"We're in a moment of time, let's put it that way," says Louise Burke, Gallery's publisher and executive vice-president. "There's a flurry of agents coming to us with books."

Cindy Hwang, executive editor at Berkley Books and Sylvia Day's publisher, says that thanks to 50 Shades the door between erotica and mainstream fiction has been "kicked down completely." The market, "this fascination with the uber-rich," demands more masters of the universe, at least fictional ones.

Still, Hwang adds, "there will be other kinds of books."

New novels are coming from James Patterson, Mitch Albom, Michael Connelly, Dennis Lehane, John Grisham and Patricia Cornwell. J.K. Rowling will find out how many of her adult Harry Potter fans are game for a book without wizards with The Casual Vacancy. Justin Cronin follows his best-selling The Passage with The Twelve, the second of a planned trilogy.

Ken Follett has a pair of projects: A TV miniseries of his epic Medieval saga World Without End is scheduled to air on Reelz Channel starting in October. And his new novel, Winter of the World, is the second of his Century trilogy on war. The author explained during a recent interview that Winter of the World, a Second World War story running nearly 1,000 pages, was as an education for him.

"Before I started Winter of the World, I didn't know that the Nazis had killed thousands of handicapped people, that was completely new to me" he says. "World War II has been done so many times before that I needed to find something new. And I was so shocked and horrified by this program that as soon as I read about it I knew I had to use it."

Tom Wolfe, who helped define 1980s New York in The Bonfire of the Vanities, has set the 650-page crime story Back to Blood in the contemporary "melting pot" of Miami, a sprawling canvas "full of hard cases who just won't melt." Michael Chabon keeps it close to home with Telegraph Avenue, named for the famous stretch of his longtime residence, Berkeley, Calif. Zadie Smith's "NW" is another local story, set in northwest London, where the author grew up.

Two of the season's most notable music books come from another San Francisco institution — McSweeney's, the publisher founded by Dave Eggers. Talking Heads leader David Byrne tracks the influence of his primary art form in How Music Works. Beck's Song Reader is, in fact, a new album issued exclusively as sheet music. Song Reader is "an alternative," McSweeney's advises, "that enlists the listener in the tone of every track, and that's as visually absorbing as a dozen gatefold LPs put together."

Most rock stars will stick to the memoir: Neil Young, Rod Stewart, Pete Townshend, Courtney Love, sisters Ann and Nancy Wilson of Heart. Stewart, whose memoir is called Rod: The Autobiography, said during a recent telephone interview that he enjoyed the work — talking into a microphone, jotting down notes, a bottle of wine at his side.

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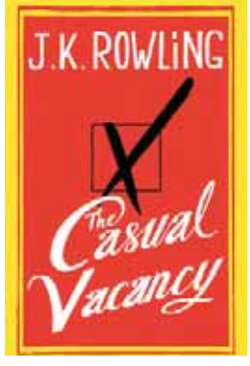
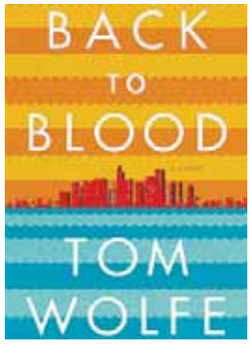
This fall, British writer J.K. Rowling plans to make her only in-person appearance in the U.S. to promote her first novel for adults. The Harry Potter author will discuss The Casual Vacancy at New York's Jazz at Lincoln Center on Oct. 16. JOEL RYAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS





One is the loneliest number and three's a crowd. But a dynamic duo is a match made in heaven, especially when it's found on a TV show. From the crop of new fall series, here are a few fun couples you'll enjoy pairing up with.

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5 New TV duos

1 Catherine "Cat" Chandler and Dr. Vincent Keller (Beauty and the Beast)

Unbeknownst to her, he saved her life years ago. Now Keller, in hiding and long presumed dead, tries to find an antidote to his distressing condition: When he gets riled, he turns beastly. But Cat (Kristin Kreuk), now a homicide detective, isn't sweating those details. She admires how Keller (Jay Ryan) likes to help people out. Plus he's hot. Nothing tame about her feelings for him!

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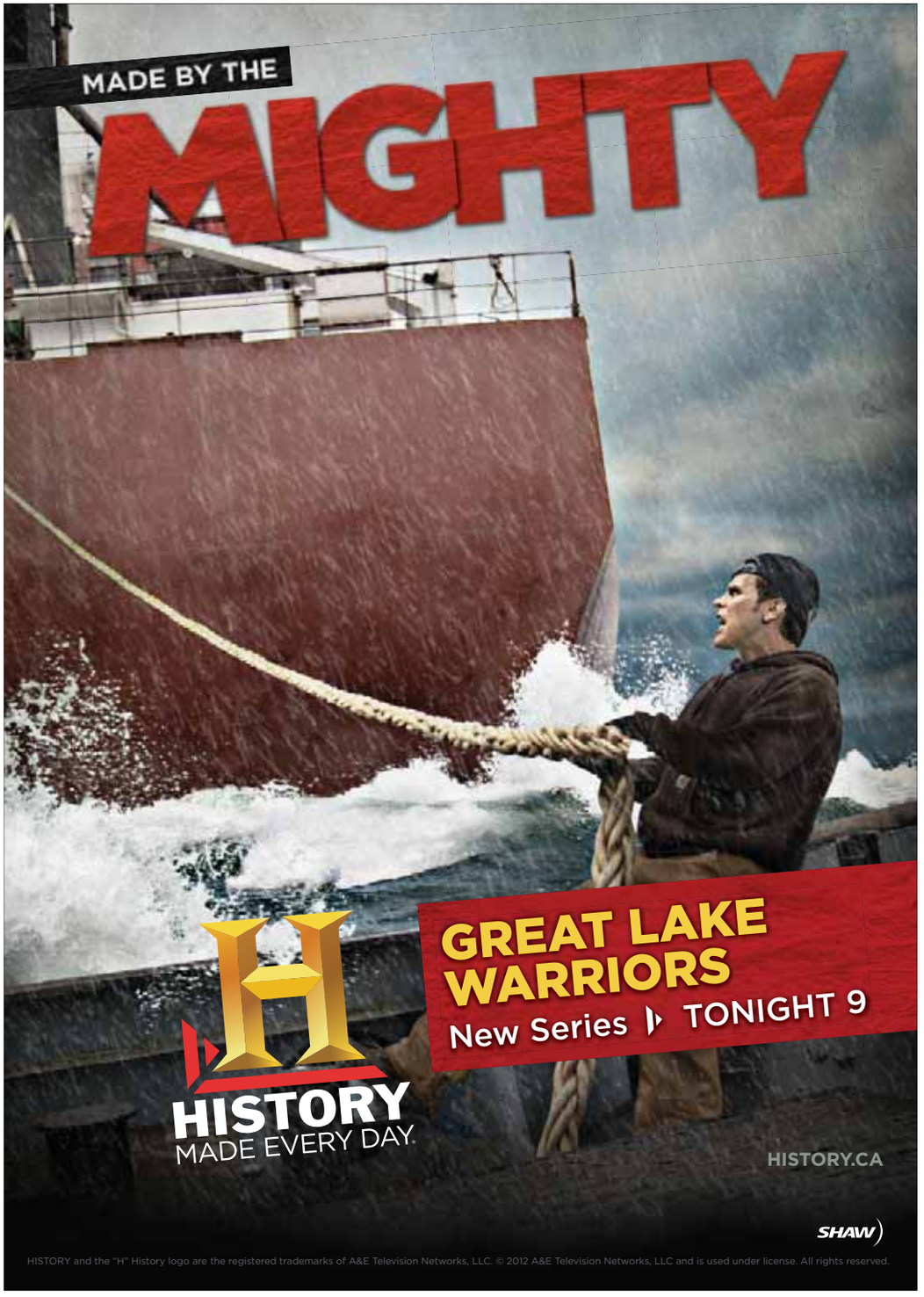
2 Gavin and Olivia (666 Park Avenue)

Gavin Doran is the courtly owner of a grand apartment house in Manhattan. Olivia is his elegant wife. You would be thrilled to be a tenant in their building — that is, if you can overlook a certain devilish streak they share. Played with deft creepiness by Terry O'Quinn and Vanessa Williams, Gavin and Olivia are just the sort of landlords to lock you into a lease you'll never ever be able to break.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Bryan and David (The New Normal)

As a committed couple, they see eye-to-eye on many things. Like, how "abnormal" families have become the new normal. Consider a certain African-American "who was raised by a grandma — and that person seems to be doing just fine," says Bryan. "Barack Obama," David chimes in. "No," Bryan corrects him. "Mariah Carey. But YOUR example works, too." As played by Andrew Rannells and Justin Bartha, Bryan and David navigate the show's loopiness (and their impending parenthood) while leaving no doubt they adore each other.

4

Jack and his dad Tony (Family Tools)

Jack Shea is a habitual bungler who, well into adulthood, still hopes to rise above his failures and make his father proud. Now Tony (played by J.K. Simmons) is retiring from his family business, Mr. Jiffy Fix, with no one but his son (Kyle Bornheimer) to take up the reins. Under Tony's jaundiced eye, can Jack change his ways and keep the company going, or will he put Mr. Jiffy Fix in a hopeless fix?

3

Dr. George Coleman and his simian sidekick Dr. Rizzo (Animal Practice)

Dr. Coleman has a veterinary clinic, and good thing: He much prefers animals to people. How lucky, then, that his closest companion and "medical assistant" is an anthropomorphically motivated monkey.
Justin Kirk stars as Dr. Coleman, while Crystal seems born to the role as Coleman's second banana.

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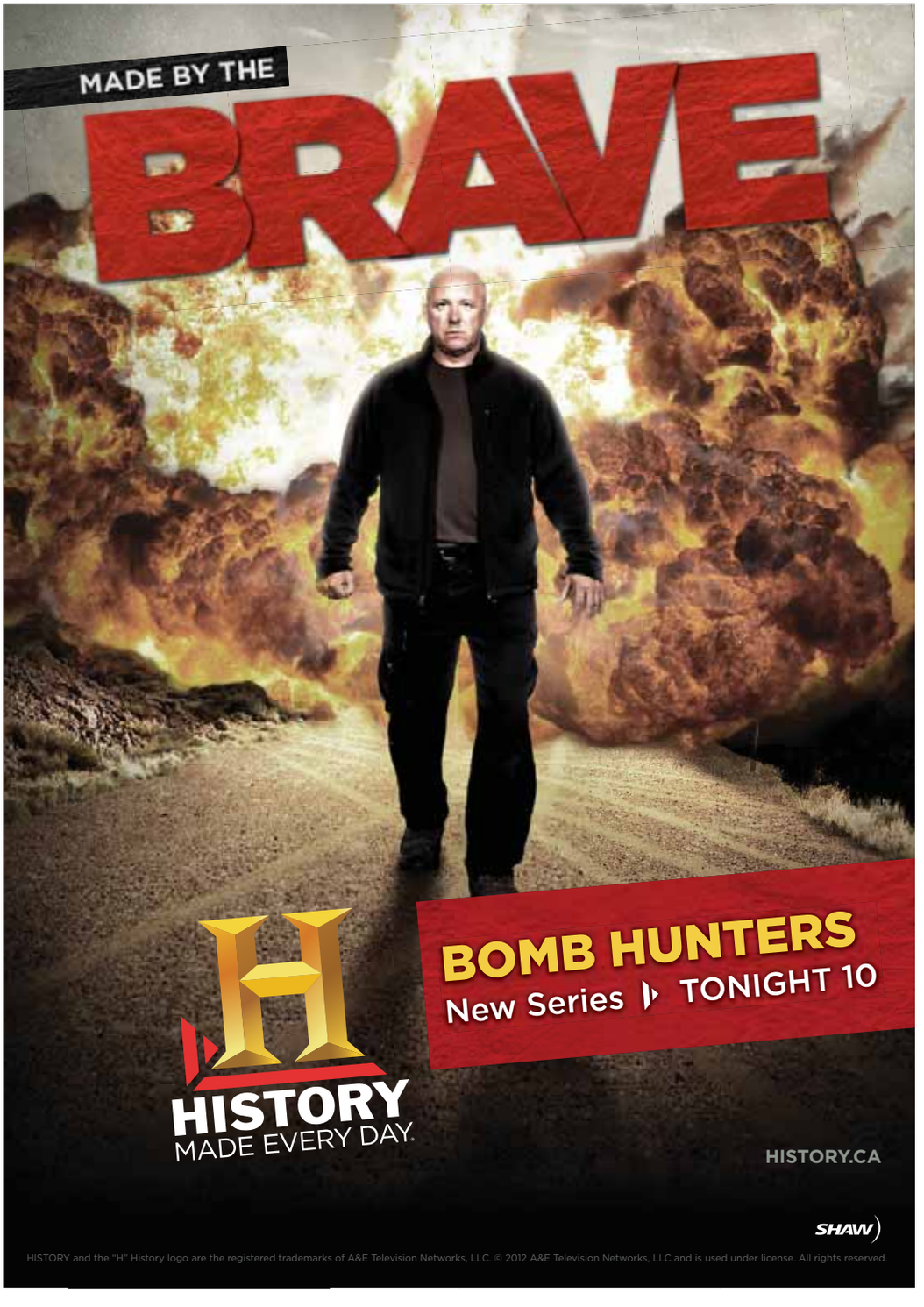
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The Word

Katy Perry and John Mayer expire

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Katy Perry has joined the surprisingly long list of hot, talented women to be dumped by John Mayer.

After two months, Mayer — who has also dated Jennifer Aniston, Jessica Simpson and Taylor Swift — called things off with the singer late last week, according to RadarOnline. Unlike the rest of us, Perry apparently thought Mayer had grown up since his days of bragging about his A-list sex life in Playboy.

"Katy fell hook, line and sinker for John, so when he broke it off she was ultimately surprised and incredibly embarrassed," a source tells the site.

"She's ashamed that she got played. It was the classic ladies man move — he added another notch on his bedpost. He charmed Katy, got what he wanted and moved on."

Katy, don't be embarrassed that you got played by a sleazy guy – be embarrassed that you got played by the guy who wrote Your Body is a Wonderland.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Prince Harry gets public dressing down

Prince Harry.

Prince Harry is reportedly planning to make a public mea culpa for the naked photo scandal from his recent trip to Las Vegas, according to Radar Online.

"Harry regrets the embarrassment he has caused the royal family around the world and plans on apologizing for his antics," a source says.

"He got a stern-telling off from his father, Prince Charles, as well as the Queen, who reminded him of his responsibilities as a member of the royal family. Even on vacation, the Prince has to realize that he is an ambassador for the country and should behave appropriately."

Madonna clears the air on Elton

Madonna apparently wants to smooth things over with Elton John, who denounced the singer as a "fairground stripper" and said her career was "over" in a recent interview. Addressing a crowd at her recent concert in Nice, France, Madonna cleared the air.

"I forgive him. I know he's a big fan of mine. And you know? I forgive him. Got to start somewhere."

Of course, she then went into a rendition of Masterpiece, the track that won her a Golden Globe earlier this year over John's Hello Hello.

Madonna.

Snooki

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The spawn of Snooki born — signalling arrival of the apocalypse

Jersey Shore star Nicole Snooki Polizzi gave birth to a baby boy over the weekend in Livingston, N.J., according to Us Weekly.

The boy, named Lorenzo, is the first child for Polizzi and her boyfriend of two years, Jionni LaValle.

"The world just got another Guido! Lorenzo Dominic LaValle has entered the world weighing six pounds, five ounces. Nicole, Jionni and Enzo are doing great!" her rep tells the magazine.

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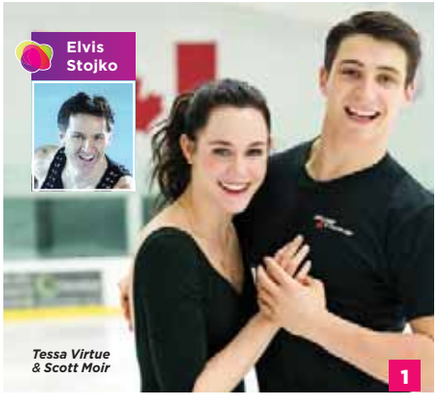

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Parents' back to school 101: Letting them go

Parenting. Don't let your nerves take over as your little ones board that school bus

MEREDITH ENGEL
Metro World News in New York City

Acknowledging that you're nervous about your child heading off to school is the first step to feeling better. ISTOCK

Pop quiz: Who's more nervous about starting school this year, you or your child?

If it's you, "it's a very normal response to have," says Matthew Stevenson, a child and family therapist in Philadelphia.

We asked him how parents can send their little ones off to school without letting their nerves take over.

Why does this anxiety happen?

It usually happens the first couple of times that a parent leaves their child alone, even for a couple hours. It's a natural thing to be worried about the person that you brought into the world, that you're responsible for, if you're not there when you are there typically. Particularly the stay-at-home parents, for them to be with this person 24/7 for five years and then to have them go off alone, that can cause a lot of stress. And it's a very normal thing to experience that stress. They're worried about their kid because they know they can keep their child safe. They've been doing it for five years, and now they're giving that responsibility to somebody else. It's hard to let go of that control. Where it can potentially become a problem is if that stress is being picked up by the child.

How can parents feel better?

Acknowledge it. The parent needs to realize that this is something they're concerned about — that's step one. Once they're able to acknowledge that, understand that it's a pretty normal anxiety to have. Step two is that it's important for parents to realize that they need to let their child go. That's part of the growth of their child, to have that independence and be able to function and do well without having the parent present all the time. Part of being a good parent is having your child thrive when you're not around. Then once you are able to let your child go to school, it's important to keep yourself occupied during those times. Have activities, do errands that are a lot easier to do without a child. Join classes, go to the gym — anything that would distract you so before you know it, it's time to pick up your little one.

When is this a problem that needs some extra help?

If the parent is going to school to watch their kid at recess, that would be not healthy. I think calling the school multiple times during the day to make sure that their child is OK, that would not be healthy. Showing that you're so upset, and your child picks up on that and then doesn't want to go to school, that's where it becomes a big issue. If you're able to hide your anxiety from your child, and they still enjoy going to school, it's not as much of a problem. But if it's affecting the entire family, then at that point it's probably good to seek help from a therapist.

Pick efficiency over negativity

Whether it's a source of chest-thumping pride or wearisome resignation, the lament of being busy is one that echoes throughout schools, workplaces and homes.

While multitasking may seem an efficient way to breeze through a stacked schedule, it may have the opposite effect.

"We wear multitasking as a badge of honour," said Margaret Moore, CEO of Wellcoaches Corporation. "Well, the challenge here is that we're working against the way the brain was designed to work."

"When you really focus on getting something done, you use all of your brain's resources," she added. "Those are the moments when you see connections that you don't see when you only use a little bit of your brain's resources."

Juggling multiple tasks may actually have the opposite effect. PABLO MARTINES, AP/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The Canadian-born, U.S.-based executive wellness coach teamed up with Harvard psychiatrist Paul Hammerness to co-author Organize Your Mind, Organize Your Life.

Moore said people can get caught up in "negative static" for any number of reasons, from a significant worry to thoughts of tackling a big to-do list.

"It is important to be able to take a deep breath, to mindfully separate yourself from the negativity when you sit down to focus," said Moore. "It's not that you won't come back to it later. It's not about suppressing it, and it's not about forgetting about it. It's more about saying: 'For the time I want to get something important done, I need to put it aside.'"

Valeri Hall Little of Intandem Productivity Solutions said being strapped for time is among the main concerns expressed by clients. "I like them to think about their day or their week or their month as a container, and think about the goals that they need to achieve in that amount of time."

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Turn tonight's dinner into tomorrow's unique lunch

The best dinners are those that not only are delicious in their own right, but that also leave leftovers that can be reworked into lunch the next day.

This recipe for grilled hoisin pork tenderloin is perfect. The dinner itself is simple: Just toss the marinated tenderloin on the grill along with a few vegetables and it's good to go.

The next day, turn the leftover pork into barbecue pulled pork by pulling it apart and mixing it with barbecue sauce. It can be eaten on a bun or in a wrap. It also can be served warm or cold.

Grilled Hoisin Pork Tenderloin With Cumin Onions

This recipe makes enough for four dinners and two lunches. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ingredients

- 9.4-oz jar hoisin sauce
- 1 cup red wine
- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tsp hot sauce
- 2-lbs pork tenderloins
- 5 large yellow onions
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- Kosher salt and ground black pepper
- 1 tbsp whole cumin seeds

1. In large zip-close plastic bag, combine hoisin, wine, soy sauce, garlic and hot sauce. Seal bag and gently shake to mix well. Add pork tenderloin — then close bag and gently turn to ensure the meat is well coated. Refrigerate for at least two hours and up to 24 hours.

2. Trim ends from onions, then peel off outer layer of skin. Place onions in a second large zip-close plastic bag; add olive oil, a bit of salt and pepper, and cumin seeds. Seal bag, gently shake to coat evenly. Refrigerate until ready to grill meat.

3. When ready to cook, heat one side of the grill to medium-high, the other side to low.

4. Using oil-soaked paper towel held with tongs, oil the grill grates. Add whole onions to cooler side of grill. Grill, covered, for 5 minutes. Turn onions, then add pork to cooler side of grill. Grill pork for 6 minutes per side. Remove onions when very tender and meat when it is seared on outside and reaches 145 F at centre.

5. Transfer pork and onions to a platter and let the meat rest for 5 minutes. Thinly slice the pork and serve with an onion.

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One of the best parts of summer is sitting on a patio and sipping some delicious alcoholic beverages. Think twice before you order your next drink.

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400 calories
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Equivalent

Two eight-ounce glasses of wine are equal in calories to 17 Italian style meatballs.

2 (8 oz) Pilsner beer

200 calories
With half the calories, enjoy your favourite beer instead of the wine. Remember not to drink your calories.

Master the art of the big move

Calm before the dorm. What parents need to know about settling your student into their new home

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With a little planning, the big move can be a fun day. ISTOCK

After a last-minute trip to Bed Bath & Beyond for the crucial shower caddy and extra-long bed sheets, your college freshman should be good to go. But, let's face it — are you, the parent, equally prepared?

This bittersweet battle starts well before arriving home to your child's empty bedroom.

It begins, in fact, on move-in day — the pinnacle of your parenting career up until this point.

Here's what experts have to say about making the right moves for move-in.

Know less is more, especially at first

"Initially, bring 100 per cent of what's needed, but not 100 per cent of what's wanted," says Marc Wais, NYU's vice president for student affairs. "Be Spartan and minimalist. Save the rest for shipping afterwards. It'll prevent heart attacks in 100 degree weather." This is especially important for city navigation, where "urban campuses are normally vertical, rather than sprawled for easy movement," he notes.

Pro packer

"Initially, bring 100 per cent of what's needed, but not 100 per cent of what's wanted."

Marc Wais
Vice-president for student affairs at New York University

Keep an eye on the clock

"There will be some point in time when the university wants you to say goodbye," Wais cautions. "Don't hang around — it often embarrasses students and prevents them from forging their own beginnings." Colleges plan orientations carefully, "so be thoughtful by following the schedule as programmed."

Expect peace, not pandemonium

Marie Carr, author of The Prepared Parent's Operational Manual: Sending Your Child to College, is a veteran move-in mom and reminds us that no one is as prepared as the college's staff. "You'll meet panels of experienced parents as well as teams of resident advisers, students and staff more than willing to guide you," she says. "There may even be city police directing traffic, and there will certainly be adequate free parking. Universities go out of their way for you."

Space notes

"Students should communicate clearly with roommates to find out who's bringing what," says Wais. "You don't want two of anything if you only need one, especially in a small room." Meanwhile, save space by keeping it simple in the gadget department. "Computers can be DVD players. Cell phones can act as alarm clocks," notes Carr. "Simplify for the situation."

Smile for the photograph

After a day of waiting for elevators and wrestling with packing tape, you probably won't be feeling photogenic. But before you leave, remember to snap pictures of that first day — the cap-and-gown portrait will be here before you know it.

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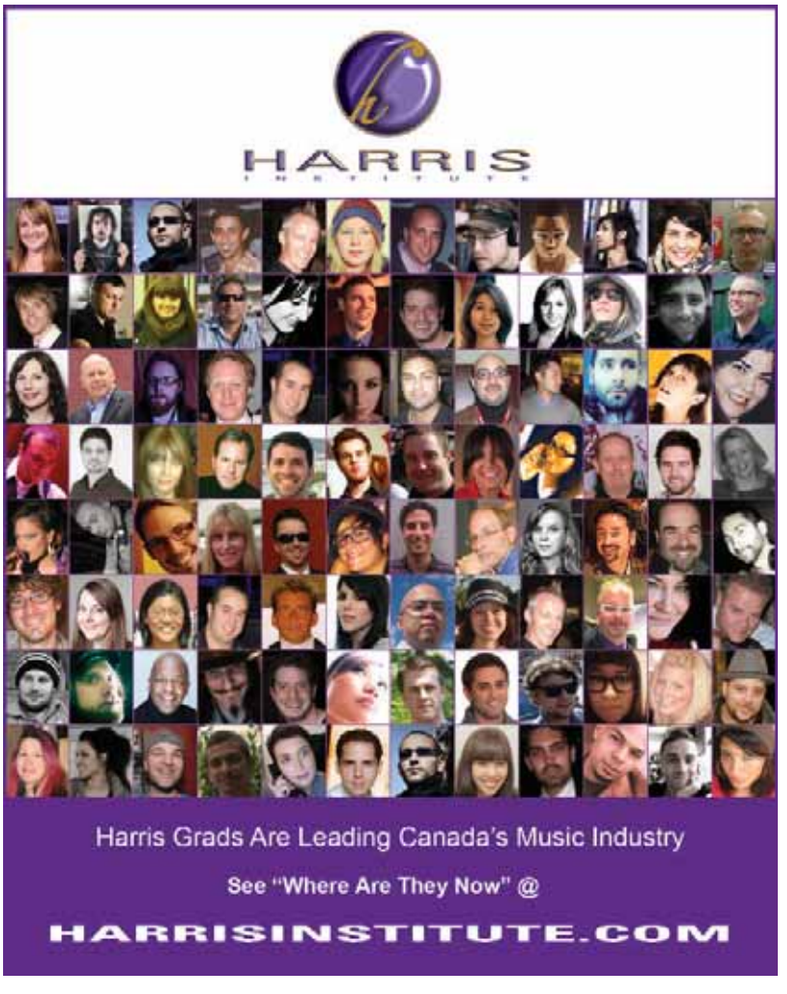

A warrior at work

Survivor's success. Glori Meldrum is a businesswoman determined to give something back

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Businesswoman, humanitarian and survivor, Glori Meldrum / PROVIDED

"I think I want to start my own company".

Glori Meldrum sat across the dinner table from her husband and weighed her options.

Having just moved from New Brunswick to Edmonton, the bachelor of commerce grad was working as a promotions director at a radio station and was making $27,000 a year.

They looked at each other and knew the answer was clear.

"Let's do it".

Today, Glori owns two companies, g (squared) and trafik interactive and is a proud wife and mother of three children including a five-year-old boy she adopted from Ethiopia.

Meldrum is also giving back.

As a survivor of child abuse she is raising money to build Little Warriors Be Brave Ranch.

"In most major markets there are two to three facilities for sex offenders but not for kids.

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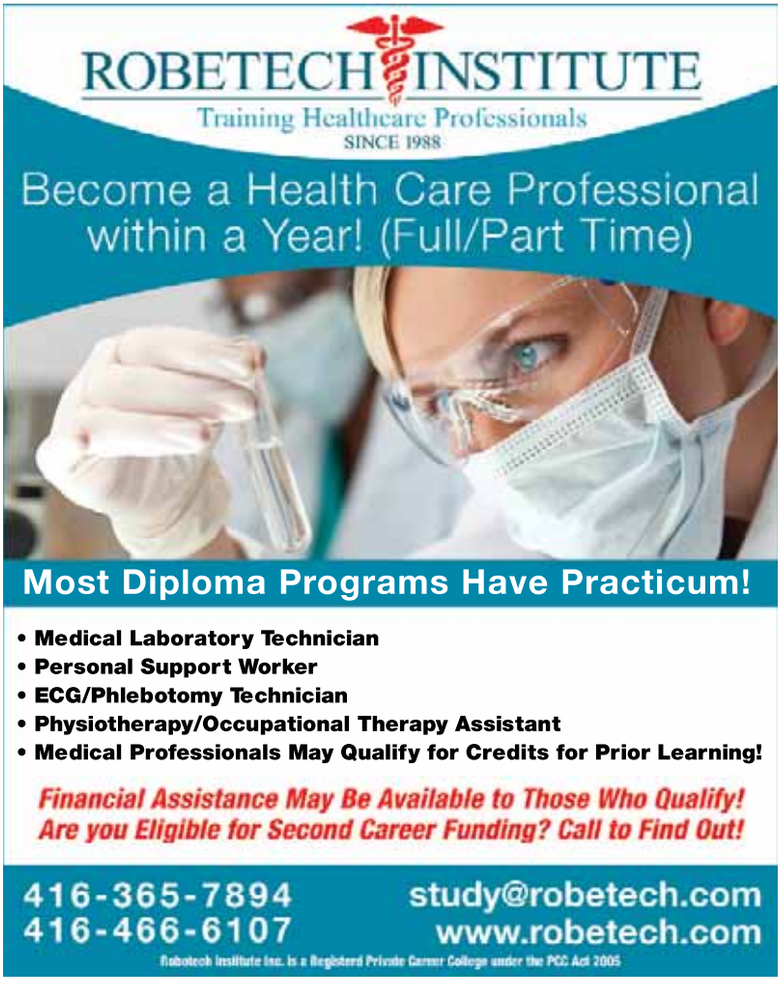
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Eskimo Cory Boyd rushes the football against the Alouettes on Aug. 17 in Edmonton. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

Uncertainty surrounds Boyd in new CFL home

CFL. Argos castoff just focused on winning with uncertainty surrounding Eskimos' running roster

Cory Boyd's return to the Rogers Centre on Monday night has now taken on even more significance for the former Argos tailback.

It's a chance to prove the Argos made a mistake in releasing him two weeks ago. It's also a chance to show Edmonton general manager Eric Tillman and coach Kavis Reed that they don't need to bring back Jerome Messam after last season's CFL outstanding Canadian was released on Saturday by the Miami Dolphins.

The six-foot-four, 248-pound league all-star ran 1,057 yards with the Eskimos in 2011, becoming the first Canadian in 11 years to rush for more than 1,000 yards in a season. But he decided to try the NFL and had only one catch for 10 yards and one run for a two-yard loss in his two pre-season appearances.

Boyd actually ran 84 yards more than Messam in 2011. He also gained more yards per carry than him. His longest run of 64 yards was seven more than Messam. Both had six TDs on the ground.

But that was last season. Messam's release could present a nice dilemma for the Eskimos but a big concern for Boyd. If the 27-year-old player from Brampton doesn't get picked up by another NFL team in the next 10 days he becomes Edmonton's property again.

Would the Eskimos sign Messam and still keep Boyd and fellow running back Hugh Charles, who are 4-5 in league rushing? Charles has been outstanding with 427 rushing yards and is second in team receiving with 269 yards. Boyd has 449 rushing yards.

"If he comes back, we'll use all three," Reed said on Sunday soon after arriving in Toronto. Whether all three would start or one be put on the practice roster remains to be seen.

Boyd can't think about Messam.

"Nothing is certain in this league. That's one thing that I've learned," Boyd said with a smile in a Toronto hotel lobby Sunday afternoon. "When you go out and play and you're winning that kills a lot of uncertainty in this business. All I can do is know that I have a game to play. I'm going to come out firing on all cylinders."

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"I might help him up a few times because he's my boy. Of course that's after I knock him down first."

Argonauts defensive tackle Kevin Huntley on playing former teammate Cory Boyd

Mobile sports

Seahawks coaches and management were raving about how good Terrell Owens looked when he signed with Seattle earlier this month. That enthusiasm proved short-lived though as the controversial 38-year-old receiver was released by the club on Sunday.

MLB

Bautista has short-lived return to Jays lineup

Blue Jays slugger Jose Bautista, who re-aggravated his left wrist sprain on Saturday, travelled to Cleveland on Sunday to visit noted hand specialist, Dr. Thomas Graham.

In just his second game back since he suffered the injury on July 16 in New York, Bautista left Saturday's game after just one at-bat citing new discomfort in the wrist. He was put back on the 15-day disabled list following the game.

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Paralympics

Rugby's Hickling gets Canadian flag-bearing duty

A ferocious player on the court and an unassuming man off of it, Garett Hickling will carry the Maple Leaf into Wednesday's opening ceremonies of the 2012 Paralympic Games.

Hickling will represent Canada in Paralympic wheelchair rugby for the fifth time in his career. The 41-year-old from Kelowna, B.C., was named the Canadian team's flagbearer Sunday.

"This makes me want to hold my head up high and smile hard," Hickling said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Garett Hickling, right, battles for the ball during a game against Australia in April. GETTY IMAGES FILE

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Kiwi teen Ko wins Canadian Open at 15

Golf. New Zealand youth breaks record as youngest ever LPGA event winner

Lydia Ko, of New Zealand kisses the trophy after winning the CN Canadian Women's Open at the Vancouver Golf Club on Sunday in Coquitlam, B.C.

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Fifteen-year-old amateur Lydia Ko made her mark in golf history on Sunday in Coquitlam, B.C.

Ko became the youngest ever winner of an LPGA event as she captured the Canadian Women's Open title with a five-under 67. The New Zealander finished with a 13-under 275 total to beat Inbee Park of South Korea by three strokes.

Ko is also the first amateur to win the Canadian Women's Open and does not receive the winner's cheque, which goes to Park. She's the fifth amateur to win an LPGA tournament and first since Joanne Carner of the U.S. back in 1969.

Chella Choi (71) finished tied for third with fellow South Koreans Na Yeon Choi (68) and Jiyai Shin (71) after putting up a good fight with Ko on the front nine.

Chella Choi and Ko were tied at nine-under after nine holes, but Ko reeled off four straight birdies after the turn to pull away.

Ko surpassed American Lexi Thompson as the youngest LPGA Tour event winner. Thompson won the Navistar LPGA Classic last September at age 16.

Ko, however, is not the youngest golfer to win a professional event. That honour now belongs to 14-year-old Brooke Henderson of Smiths Falls, Ont., who eclipsed the mark by winning a Canadian Women's Tour event in Quebec in June.

Ko previously held the record on the basis of a victory at an Australian tournament in January.

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Top Canadian

Jessica Shepley of Oakville, the lone Canadian to qualify for the weekend in Coquitlam, posted a one-over 73 and finished with a two-over 290 total.

- She capped off her tournament with a 40-foot putt on the 18th on Sunday.
- "I couldn't ask for a better way to finish," said Shepley. "I hit the ball really good (Saturday) and I kind of had that expectation coming into today, and I really didn't hit it very solid. But I made a couple of putts when I needed to."

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EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	74	53	.583	—
Tampa Bay	70	57	.551	4
Baltimore	69	57	.548	4½
Boston	61	67	.477	13½
Toronto	**56**	**70**	**.444**	**17½**

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	71	55	.563	—
Detroit	69	58	.543	2½
Kansas City	56	70	.444	15
Cleveland	55	72	.433	16½
Minnesota	52	75	.409	19½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	75	52	.591	—
Oakland	69	57	.548	5½
Los Angeles	66	62	.516	9½
Seattle	61	67	.477	14½

Sunday's results
Minnesota 6 Texas 5
Chicago White Sox 4 Seattle 3 (7 inn.)
N.Y. Yankees 4 Cleveland 2
Boston 8 Kansas City 6
Detroit 5 L.A. Angels 2
Toronto at Baltimore, ppd., rain
Saturday's results
Baltimore 8 **Toronto 2**
Kansas City 10 Boston 9 (12 inn.)
Oakland 4 Tampa Bay 2
Texas 9 Minnesota 3
Chicago White Sox 5 Seattle 4
Cleveland 3 N.Y. Yankees 1
Detroit 5 L.A. Angels 3
Monday's games
All times Eastern
Kansas City (Hochevar 7-11) at Boston (Matsuzaka 0-3), 1:35 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Liriano 5-10) at Baltimore (W.Chen 12-7), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (B.Anderson 1-0) at Cleveland (Ro.Hernandez 0-2), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (H.Alvarez 7-11) at N.Y. Yankees (Phelps 3-4), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Price 16-4) at Texas (D.Holland 8-6), 8:05 p.m.
Seattle (F.Hernandez 12-5) at Minnesota (Hendriks 0-6), 8:10 p.m.
Tuesday's games
Chicago White Sox at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.
Oakland at Cleveland, 7:05 p.m.
Toronto at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
Detroit at Kansas City, 8:10 p.m.
Seattle at Minnesota, 8:10 p.m.
Boston at L.A. Angels, 10:05 p.m.

AL LEADERS

	G	AB	R	H	Avg.
Trout LAA	104	423	99	143	.338
Jeter NYY	124	531	81	173	.326
MiCabrera Det	126	490	83	159	.324
Konerko ChiW	109	408	53	130	.319
Mauer Minn	117	434	67	136	.313
Beltre Tex	122	476	73	149	.313
Fielder Det	126	456	67	141	.309
Revere Minn	89	374	50	115	.307
Cano NYY	125	483	76	148	.306
AJackson Det	104	413	79	126	.305

RBI — Hamilton, Tex, 107; MiCabrera, Det, 106; Willingham, Min, 91; Fielder, Det, 89; **Encarnacion, Toronto, 88;** ADunn, Chi, 87.
Home Runs — ADunn, Chi, 38; **Encarnacion, Toronto, 34;** Hamilton, Tex, 34; MiCabrera, Det, 32; Granderson, NY, 32; Willingham, Min, 31.
Stolen Bases — Trout, LA, 41; **RDavis, Tor, 39.**
Sunday's games not included

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	77	50	.606	—
Atlanta	72	55	.567	5
Philadelphia	61	67	.477	16½
New York	59	69	.461	18½
Miami	58	71	.450	20

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	77	52	.597	—
St. Louis	70	57	.551	6
Pittsburgh	68	59	.535	8
Milwaukee	59	67	.468	16½
Chicago	49	77	.389	26½
Houston	40	88	.313	36½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	71	56	.559	—
Los Angeles	69	59	.539	2½
Arizona	64	64	.500	7½
San Diego	59	70	.457	13
Colorado	51	75	.405	19½

Sunday's results
Miami 6 L.A. Dodgers 2
Philadelphia 4 Washington 1
St. Louis 8 Cincinnati 2
San Diego 5 Arizona 4
Milwaukee 7 Pittsburgh 0
Chicago Cubs 5 Colorado 0 (8 inn.)
N.Y. Mets 2 Houston 1
Atlanta at San Francisco
Saturday's results
Colorado 4 Chicago Cubs 3
Philadelphia 4 Washington 2
San Diego 9 Arizona 3
Cincinnati 8 St. Louis 2
Atlanta 7 San Francisco 3
Pittsburgh 4 Milwaukee 0
N.Y. Mets 3 Houston 1
L.A. Dodgers 8 Miami 2
Monday's games
All times Eastern
St. Louis (Lohse 13-2) at Pittsburgh (A.J.Burnett 15-4), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Estrada 1-5) at Chicago Cubs (Germano 2-3), 8:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Beckett 0-0) at Colorado (Francis 4-4), 8:40 p.m.
Cincinnati (Arroyo 10-7) at Arizona (Skaggs 1-0), 9:40 p.m.
Atlanta (Maholm 11-8) at San Diego (C.Kelly 0-0), 10:05 p.m.
Tuesday's games
N.Y. Mets at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.
Washington at Miami, 7:10 p.m.
Milwaukee at Chicago Cubs, 8:05 p.m.
San Francisco at Houston, 8:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.
Cincinnati at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.
Atlanta at San Diego, 10:05 p.m.

NL LEADERS

	G	AB	R	H	Avg.
MeCabrera SF	113	459	84	159	.346
AMcCutchen Pgh	122	462	88	160	.346
YMolina StL	107	400	50	131	.328
Posey SF	114	405	57	132	.326
DWright NYM	123	454	75	144	.317
CGonzalez Col	112	441	79	138	.313
Fowler Col	115	376	67	115	.306
Holliday StL	123	477	80	145	.304
Braun Mil	117	451	82	137	.304
Altuve Hou	118	471	68	141	.299

Runs — AMcCutchen, Pit, 88; Bourn, Atl, 84; MeCabrera, SF, 84; Braun, Mil, 82.
RBI — Beltran, StL, 85; Braun, Mil, 85; Holliday, StL, 85; Bruce, Cin, 81; FFreeman, Atl, 81; CGonzalez, Col, 81; Headley, SD, 80; Posey, SF, 80.
Sunday's games not included

SATURDAY

ORIOLES 8, BLUE JAYS 2

Toronto	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
R.Davis lf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.252
McCoy cf-rf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.229
Bautista rf	0	1	0	0	1	0	.241
Rasmus cf	3	0	0	0	0	3	.232
Encarnacion 1b	3	1	1	2	1	1	.290
K.Johnson 2b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.222
Y.Escobar ss	3	0	1	0	0	1	.246
Sierra dh	3	0	0	0	0	3	.283
Vizquel 3b	3	0	2	0	0	0	.220
Mathis c	3	0	0	0	0	1	.216
Totals	**30**	**2**	**6**	**2**	**2**	**11**	
Baltimore	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**BB**	**SO**	**Avg.**
Markakis rf	5	2	2	0	0	0	.294
Hardy ss	5	3	3	2	0	1	.232
McLouth lf	4	1	0	0	1	2	.242
Ad.Jones cf	5	0	1	2	0	0	.290
Wieters c	4	0	1	2	0	3	.237
C.Davis dh	3	0	1	0	0	1	.256
Mar.Reynolds 1b	3	1	2	0	1	0	.222
Flaherty 2b	3	0	1	0	1	0	.211
Andino 2b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.218
Machado 3b	4	1	2	1	0	1	.259
Totals	**36**	**8**	**13**	**7**	**3**	**8**	

Toronto	**200**	**000**	**000**				**—2**	**6**	**2**
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E—Mathis (2), Y.Escobar (10). LOB—Tor 3, Bal 9. 2B—Y.Escobar (14), Vizquel (2), Hardy (23). HR—Encarnacion (34), off S.Johnson; Hardy (17), off Jenkins. RBIs—Encarnacion 2 (88), Hardy 2 (52), Ad.Jones 2 (65), Wieters 2 (65), Machado (9). SB—McLouth (5). CS—R.Davis (10), McCoy (1), Vizquel (2). SF—Wieters.

Toronto	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Morrow L, 7-5	4⅓	6	4	2	1	7	88	3.06
Loup	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	2.21
Jenkins	3⅓	6	4	4	2	1	53	4.50
Baltimore	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**NP**	**ERA**
S.Johnson W, 2-0	6	4	2	2	2	7	98	3.18
Ayala	2	2	0	0	0	1	26	2.77
Gregg	1	0	0	0	0	3	16	4.24

T—2:41. A—25,082 (45,971).

BLUE JAYS STATISTICS

BATTERS	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	AVG
Cooper	140	16	42	4	11	.300
Encarnacion	444	78	130	34	88	.293
Sierra	60	5	17	2	5	.283
Lawrie	397	59	112	9	40	.282
Davis	321	50	81	6	34	.252
Escobar	451	51	111	7	39	.246
Arencibia	281	36	68	16	50	.242
Bautista	332	64	80	27	65	.241
Torrealba	164	17	39	3	12	.238
Rasmus	453	57	105	20	66	.232
McCoy	35	6	8	1	6	.229
Lind	198	17	45	8	27	.227
Johnson	427	52	95	14	47	.222
Vizquel	127	11	28	0	3	.220
Mathis	171	22	37	8	22	.216
Hechavarria	39	1	7	0	2	.179
PITCHERS	**W**	**L**	**SV**	**IP**	**SO**	**ERA**
Mathis	0	0	0	2.0	0	9.00
Oliver	2	2	2	44.1	42	1.83
Lyon	1	0	0	13.1	22	2.03
Loup	0	2	0	20.1	14	2.21
Janssen	1	1	16	48.2	50	2.22
Morrow	7	5	0	82.1	74	3.06
Villanueva	6	4	0	92.2	94	3.30
Perez	2	2	0	42.0	39	3.43
Frasor	1	1	0	36.0	45	4.00
Delabar	3	1	0	49.1	68	4.01
Happ	2	1	0	30.1	31	4.15
Jenkins	0	1	0	12.0	5	4.50
Laffey	3	5	0	73.0	39	4.56
Hutchison	5	3	0	58.2	49	4.60
Drabek	4	7	0	71.1	47	4.67
Alvarez	7	11	0	147.0	56	4.84
Lincoln	0	0	0	13.1	10	5.40
Romero	8	11	0	155.0	104	5.63
Santos	0	1	2	5.0	4	9.00
Coello	0	1	0	6.1	11	12.79

TENNIS

WTA

NEW HAVEN OPEN
At New Haven, Connecticut
Saturday's result
Singles — Championship
Petra Kvitova (2), Czech Republic, def. Maria Kirilenko (7), Russia, 7-6 (9), 7-5.

ATP

WINSTON-SALEM OPEN
At Winston-Salem, N.C.
Saturday's result
Singles — Championship
John Isner (3), U.S., def. Tomas Berdych (2), Czech Republic, 3-6, 6-4, 7-6 (9).

FOOTBALL

CFL

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
Montreal	8	5	3	0	233	242	10
Toronto	7	4	3	0	160	165	8
Hamilton	8	3	5	0	236	261	6
Winnipeg	8	2	6	0	176	244	4

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
B.C.	8	6	2	0	202	141	12
Edmonton	7	4	3	0	164	134	8
Calgary	8	4	4	0	217	206	8
Saskatchewan	8	3	5	0	190	182	6

WEEK NINE
Saturday's result
Calgary 17 Saskatchewan 10
Monday's game
All times Eastern
Edmonton at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
WEEK 10
Friday's game
B.C. at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 2
Winnipeg at Saskatchewan, 4 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 3
Toronto at Hamilton, 1 p.m.
Edmonton at Calgary, 4:30 p.m.

NFL PRE-SEASON

Sunday's results
San Francisco 29 Denver 24
Carolina at N.Y. Jets
Saturday's results
Oakland 31 Detroit 20
Pittsburgh 38 Buffalo 7
New Orleans 34 Houston 27
Dallas 20 St. Louis 19
Washington 30 Indianapolis 17
Wednesday's games
Tampa Bay at Washington, 7 p.m.
New England at N.Y. Giants, 7 p.m.
Miami at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Thursday's games
Atlanta at Jacksonville, 6:30 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Philadelphia, 6:35 p.m.
Minnesota at Houston, 7 p.m.
Baltimore at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
Kansas City at Green Bay, 7 p.m.
New Orleans at Tennessee, 7 p.m.
Cincinnati at Indianapolis, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Carolina at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
Oakland at Seattle, 10 p.m.
San Diego at San Francisco, 10:05 p.m.
Denver at Arizona, 11 p.m.

GOLF

LPGA

CANADIAN WOMEN'S OPEN
At Coquitlam, B.C.
Par 72; a-amateur
Final Round

a-Lydia Ko	68-68-72-67—275
Inbee Park, $300,000	68-71-70-69—278
Na Yeon Choi, $140,103	67-72-73-68—280
Chella Choi, $140,103	72-64-73-71—280
Jiyai Shin, $140,103	70-70-69-71—280
Anna Nordqvist, $75,478	74-70-68-69—281
Stacy Lewis, $75,478	72-71-66-72—281
Haeji Kang, $56,860	72-71-72-67—282
Jane Rah, $47,300	71-71-72-69—283
Vicky Hurst, $47,300	70-70-72-71—283
Gerina Piller, $36,682	73-74-70-67—284
Azahara Munoz, $36,682	73-71-71-69—284
Catriona Matthew, $36,682	74-72-67-71—284
Moira Dunn, $36,682	69-70-72-73—284
Mika Miyazato, $26,568	71-71-73-70—285
Dewi Claire Schreefel, $26,568	72-71-72-70—285
Jessica Korda, $26,568	72-71-71-71—285
Suzann Pettersen, $26,568	71-69-73-72—285
Taylor Coutu, $26,568	71-70-71-73—285
Mina Harigae, $26,568	73-70-69-73—285
Sydnee Michaels, $26,568	70-72-69-74—285
Ilhee Lee, $21,134	73-73-72-68—286
Mo Martin, $21,134	74-71-73-68—286
Paige Mackenzie, $21,134	70-76-71-69—286
Stacy Prammanasudh, $21,134	72-73-72-69—286
Meena Lee, $17,477	72-74-72-69—287
Katherine Hull, $17,477	73-71-72-71—287
Amy Yang, $17,477	70-76-70-71—287
Hee-Won Han, $17,477	73-73-69-72—287
Karrie Webb, $17,477	71-73-71-72—287
Also	
Se Yeon Park, $9,477	**74-71-72-73—290**
Jessica Shepley, $9,477	**73-74-70-73—290**

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Kansas City	25	14	7	4	31	22	46
New York	25	13	7	5	43	36	44
Houston	26	11	6	9	38	30	42
Chicago	25	12	8	5	32	30	41
D.C.	25	12	9	4	41	35	40
Montreal	28	12	13	3	42	44	39
Columbus	24	10	8	6	29	28	36
Philadelphia	23	7	12	4	24	28	25
New England	25	6	14	5	30	35	23
Toronto	26	5	15	6	29	46	21

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
San Jose	26	15	6	5	52	33	50
Seattle	25	12	6	7	40	26	43
Salt Lake	27	13	10	4	37	32	43
Los Angeles	26	11	11	4	44	40	37
Vancouver	27	10	10	7	29	35	37
Dallas	27	8	11	8	33	35	32
Chivas	23	7	10	6	17	32	27
Colorado	26	8	16	2	33	40	26
Portland	25	6	13	6	26	43	24

Note: 3 points for a win, 1 for a tie.
Sunday's results
Dallas at Los Angeles
New York at Kansas City
Saturday's results
Toronto 1 Houston 1
Montreal 3 D.C. 0
Portland 2 Vancouver 1
Columbus 4 New England 3
San Jose 4 Colorado 1
Seattle 6 Chivas 2
Wednesday's games
All times Eastern
Chivas at New England, 8 p.m.
Columbus at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.
New York at D.C., 8 p.m.

PGA

THE BARCLAYS
At Farmingdale, N.Y.
Par 71 (36-35)
Final Round

Nick Watney (2,500), $1,440,000	65-69-71-69—274
Brandt Snedeker (1,500), $864,000	70-69-68-70—277
Sergio Garcia (875), $464,000	66-68-69-75—278
Dustin Johnson (875), $464,000	67-71-72-68—278
Graham DeLaet (481), $281,000	**75-67-72-65—279**
Brian Harman (481), $281,000	65-75-68-71—279
Louis Oosthuizen (481), $281,000	70-71-68-70—279
Lee Westwood (481), $281,000	69-72-68-70—279
Greg Chalmers (400), $232,000	70-70-68-72—280
David Hearn (303), $160,889	**70-73-67-71—281**
Bud Cauley (303), $160,889	71-71-72-67—281
Tim Clark (303), $160,889	70-72-67-72—281
Luke Donald (303), $160,889	68-74-69-70—281
Bob Estes (303), $160,889	69-66-72-74—281
Tom Gillis (303), $160,889	69-72-68-72—281
William McGirt (303), $160,889	68-74-67-72—281
Bubba Watson (303), $160,889	70-70-70-71—281
Kevin Stadler (303), $160,889	72-69-65-75—281
Padraig Harrington (250), $96,960	64-75-75-68—282
J.B. Holmes (250), $96,960	71-69-73-69—282
Geoff Ogilvy (250), $96,960	70-72-69-71—282
John Senden (250), $96,960	68-68-72-74—282
Josh Teater (250), $96,960	72-71-69-70—282
Ricky Barnes (208), $56,700	71-72-70-70—283
Roberto Castro (208), $56,700	76-67-69-71—283
Jason Day (208), $56,700	70-70-77-66—283
Harris English (208), $56,700	70-69-71-73—283
Rickie Fowler (208), $56,700	67-70-75-71—283
Rory McIlroy (208), $56,700	69-73-69-72—283
Ryan Moore (208), $56,700	69-69-70-75—283
Ryan Palmer (208), $56,700	75-68-68-72—283
Carl Pettersson (208), $56,700	73-66-73-71—283
Charl Schwartzel (208), $56,700	71-69-69-74—283
Scott Stallings (208), $56,700	72-70-71-70—283
Bo Van Pelt (208), $56,700	70-69-74-70—283
John Huh (173), $40,200	70-67-77-70—284
Ian Poulter (173), $40,200	68-71-76-69—284
Tommy Gainey (148), $32,000	70-70-73-72—285
Zach Johnson (148), $32,000	68-75-72-70—285
Matt Kuchar (148), $32,000	72-68-73-72—285
Phil Mickelson (148), $32,000	68-74-67-76—285
Greg Owen (148), $32,000	68-73-72-72—285
Pat Perez (148), $32,000	66-70-77-72—285
Jimmy Walker (148), $32,000	66-74-74-71—285
Tiger Woods (148), $32,000	68-69-72-76—285

CANADIAN TOUR

CHAMPIONSHIP
At Toronto
Par 71
Final Round

Eugene Wong	**68-67-68-67—270**
Joe Panzeri	70-64-70-67—271
Cody Slover	68-71-67-68—274
Matt Daniel	**66-69-72-68—275**
Carlos Sainz, Jr.	71-64-72-68—275
Brian Unk	68-68-69-70—275
Trey Denton	70-66-67-72—275
Nick Taylor	**71-71-68-67—277**
David Markle	**68-71-68-70—277**
Mark Hubbard	71-65-77-64—277
Matt Makinson	**69-67-69-73—278**
Nathan Stamey	71-69-71-67—278
Sejun Yoon	72-71-68-67—278
Dodge Kemmer	66-70-74-68—278
David Dragoo	71-68-69-70—278
James Allenby	**72-69-68-70—279**
Derek Gillespie	**72-69-67-71—279**
Joel Dahmen	76-66-74-63—279
Stuart Anderson	**71-68-68-73—280**
a-Mackenzie Hughes	**72-67-72-69—280**
Tyler Aldridge	67-69-74-70—280
Will Strickler	68-72-69-71—280
Hugo Leon	69-69-67-75—280
Stephen Bidne	68-67-69-76—280

Orioles defying the statistics

MLB. Pundits wrote off early-season success as fluke, but O's hold AL's second wild-card spot

The improbable success of the Baltimore Orioles this season has provided baseball fans with a useful reminder that even in this age of advanced analytics and carefully calculated projections, sport remains an unscripted theatre.

You never know what might happen, because — as they say — you've got to play the games.

The consensus favourite to finish last in the AL East after 14 consecutive losing seasons, the plucky O's have defied every expectation placed upon them this year. While most prognosticators wrote off their early-season success as a fluke, they just kept winning.

Now, with little more than a month left, they sit just four games back off the New York Yankees for the division lead.

On Sunday, Baltimore added left-hander Joe Saunders to bolster their fledgling, patchwork rotation as they try to maintain their grip on a playoff spot through the home stretch.

But just how the Orioles are doing this remains something of a mystery.

Beyond expectations

According to baseball thinker Bill James' "Pythagorean expectation" — a formula, based on run differential, that calculates how many games a team should have won — Baltimore's record should be 58-68, a great deal worse than the 69-57 record they actually hold.

They are the only team in the majors with a winning record and a negative run differential, a measurement that is usually a reliable predictor of a team's success.

Before Sunday's rained out game with Toronto, Baltimore had scored 46 fewer runs than they had allowed.

The O's have committed more errors than any other team in the AL and have stolen the fewest bases.

"We've been lucky," manager Buck Showalter conceded. "Some things worked out that probably conventionally shouldn't have."

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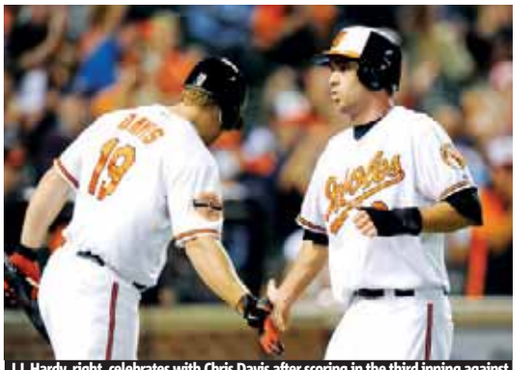

J.J. Hardy, right, celebrates with Chris Davis after scoring in the third inning against the Toronto Blue Jays on Saturday in Baltimore. GREG FIUME/GETTY IMAGES

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Partnerships and affairs of the heart may be a bit stormy as the week begins. Try not to overreact because it is only a passing phase and will pass a lot quicker if you stay calm, whatever the provocation.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Social activities are unlikely to appeal to you today, but matters related to your health and fitness will. Head for the gym or the pool and not only will you feel better physically but mentally and emotionally too.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
You seem much more passionate than usual, and that's good, but watch out you don't go over the top in some way. Not everyone shares your interests and some people won't take kindly to you trying to "convert" them.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Your instincts about people are rarely off target but with mind planet Mercury under pressure at the moment you could get the wrong end of the stick. Don't jump to conclusions.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
You may be feeling ultra dynamic but not everyone out there shares your get up and go attitude to life. If there is something you want doing over the next 24 hours you will most likely have to do it yourself.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Stop worrying about money and relationship issues and just go out and have fun.
Sometimes you can allow trivial things to get on top of you and that's not good, especially right at the start of the week.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
The more you try to persuade friends and colleagues to get involved in your latest scheme the more they back away. Why is that? It could be because they are still hurting from how your last scheme worked out.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
If you get the chance to travel and meet new people over the next few days – and you will – you must seize it with both hands. Don't let those at home hold you back – their reasons are largely selfish.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Is there a grand design? Does your existence have meaning? Yes and yes again are the answers to those questions and even if you did not believe it before you will believe it today. There is no such thing as "coincidence".

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Yes, of course, you should respect people in positions of power but that does not mean you have to do everything they say. Sometimes a bit of rebellion is a healthy thing – it keeps everyone on their toes.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Don't be afraid to ask people you live and work with what they think about what you are doing. Some of what they say may be critical but most of the feedback will be positive. Their input is essential.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You seem to believe that everyone but you is in on some kind of secret. It may be true but more likely you are being a bit paranoid. Stop worrying about what other people know – it's what you know that matters. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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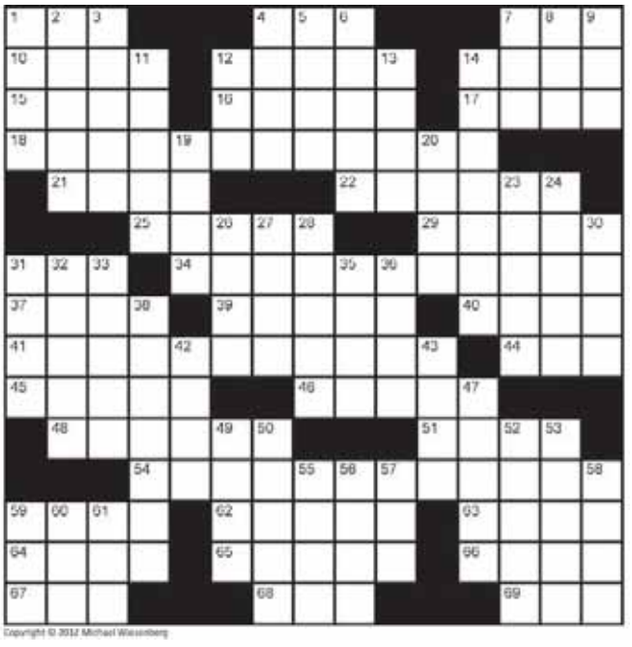

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Across
1. Attractive leg, slangily
4. Cab alternative
7. Parliamentarians
10. Amor's Greek counterpart
12. Madras master
14. Short note
15. Princess of Star Wars
16. Angry bull's sound
17. "The ___-bitsy spider ..."
18. Province whose name means "swift flowing" in the Cree language
21. Endlessly worry
22. "Forget about it!" (from a casino term) (2 wds.)
25. Moves through mud
29. "___ Your Name": Mamas & Papas song (2 wds.)
31. Big letters for Internet stock companies
34. Buffy ___ (2 wds.)
37. Small iPod
39. Air conditioner coolant
40. Goes bad
41. They're in BC's Strait of Georgia (2 wds.)
44. ___ Miserables
45. Far above the ground
46. One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest novelist Ken
48. "He ___ the bank, three credit cards, four department stores": has much outstanding debt (2 wds.)
51. CFL whistle blowers
54. City in the Golden Horseshoe region of southern Ontario (2 wds.)
59. After-bath powder
62. Before surgery, informally
63. Bring in a harvest
64. "... there ___ square": it's the happening thing (2 wds.)
65. Weird
66. Computer menu selection
67. Parts of mos.
68. "Help!"
69. Repair tears

Down
1. Becomes semisolid
2. Fields of learning
3. Damp
4. BMO, for one: Fr.
5. "Here comes trouble!" (2 wds.)
6. Ambulance alert
7. Encountered
8. Parliament heads
9. Asian sauce type
11. "For goodness' ___!"
12. Air France fleet component, once: initialism
13. Vitamin ___: riboflavin (2 wds.)
14. Subcompact
19. Belt-hole makers
20. Take ___ view of: be pessimistic about (2 wds.)
23. Christmas song
24. Crème de la crème
26. Blockheads
27. Damsel
28. Behave furtively
30. Not more
31. Actress Swenson of Benson (anagram of GAIN)
32. São ___: Brazil's largest city
33. At the minimum setting (2 wds.)
35. Vocal sound
36. Finishes
38. Side with the football
42. Odd-sounding but grammatically correct answer to "Who's there?" (2 wds.)
43. Vassal
47. 2012 and 2013
49. Record, in a way
50. Shrek and Fiona, for two
52. Bloodsucking parasites
53. NWT's Great ___ Lake
55. Nestle candy bar from Britain
56. Kings: Fr.
57. Friend of Tarzan
58. Gush
59. CAA service
60. 40 days and 40 nights boat
61. 16-oz. units

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